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Gay Shame & Politics

Carole Migden is not going to run against Milton Marks and Cleve Jones is not going to run against Willie Brown. Why? Well, Carole's campaign manager says it's because they can't raise $700,000 from the lesbian/gay community. I guess Cleve Jones isn't running against Willie Brown because he's Willie Brown.

Carole and Cleve have decided to align themselves with the local Democratic Party. The biggest poobah in the party is Willie Brown. This same party said that for Cleve Jones to run against Willie Brown (even though Cleve Jones was shown as leading in certain polls) would cause a division between the gay and Black communities. This same party is telling us that $700,000 cannot be raised to elect Carole Migden.

The fact of the matter is Cleve Jones and Carole Migden are not running because they're both queer and the Demo bigwigs have decided that their queerness is not acceptable/advantageous at this time. They say Carole's lesbianism would be used against her in Marin County (which would be part of her district). Marin County! We're hardly talking Orange County here, folks. That excuse sounds pretty lame to me. But Carole and Cleve have bought it and I guess they've accepted what's been suggested(?) to them for the betterment(?) of the community.

The bottom line here is pretty simple. It's a word and feeling familiar to a lot of us. Shame. I'm going to paraphrase the following from the African American lesbian poet, Sapphire, in regards to shame. I wrote this down, but unfortunately I don't remember where I got it from. Anyway, she says, "Society controls you through whatever you're ashamed of." And, "Shame involves buying into the value system that does not belong to you."

If Carole Migden and Cleve Jones spent half the amount of time to raise half the amount of money they would need to get elected, and put that money directly into community causes and organizations, that would be more beneficial to the community and maybe for them as well.

I close paraphrasing Sapphire again, "When we release shame, we discover a new source of power."

Denise LaRocca
San Francisco

Is Cleve Jones Accountable?

Cleve Jones should not run for public office until he has answered the lingering questions from last June's Pink Saturday, including: Why was beer sold when the permit specifically prohibited the sale of alcohol? Where did the money go? Did any of the announced beneficiaries, such as Shanti and Frameline, ever receive their promised share of the income? Why do City trash collection bills from this event still remain unpaid? Why did he leave town immediately after this event?

If we can't trust Cleve Jones to run a street party, how can we trust him to run the City?

Brian Bringardner
San Francisco

Fang Supports Gays & Lesbians

Although the controversy over Jordan appointee James Fang's resume seems, thankfully, to be at rest, it concerns me that the questions raised by the series of *Examiner* articles have damaged Mr. Fang's reputation in the larger community.

This would be unfortunate, since Mr. Fang campaigned actively and personally in the lesbian and gay community for his seat on the BART board and won the broad support of our community, including the endorsement of the *SF Bay Times*.

As a member of the BART board, James Fang introduced and fought for the adoption of a domestic partners policy as part of BART employee regulations and benefits. (This despite the opposition of the Chinese community, as a whole, to domestic partners.)

Whatever the questions about Mr. Fang's resume, his stand for the lesbian and gay community has been strong and clear. We can expect in his important appointment as Jordan's director of international trade that Mr. Fang will continue to be a clear voice of support for our community in the Jordan administration and throughout the world.

R. Davis
San Francisco

Socializing in the Straight World

The social interactions of gays in a straight world are interesting. As a gay man I notice that most straight people with whom I socialize do not ask personal questions. I can and do (perhaps am expected to) ask personal questions of straight people: How's your family? What have you been doing lately of special interest? Have you been traveling/have plans to travel?

Yet I realize that I am almost never asked similar questions about myself—especially about my gay family. In a recent biographical account of Jesse Jackson, he makes similar points. In politics white politicians want Jesse to invite them to speak to Black church groups and clubs; they don't ask Jesse to speak to white groups. Gay men are often asked to contribute to cultural causes, but are not encouraged to bring a significant other of the same sex to the social functions that often are part of these causes.

At least in the San Francisco area there are exceptions and signs of change. Museums often have "joint" rather than just "family" memberships available. The specter of AIDS has broadened what is acceptable. AIDS benefits are often noteworthy for the wide range of people open to less conventional lifestyles. I think of the Aid & Comfort II benefit dinner, the Zen Center Hospice benefits.

Yet in my professional life over the years I am aware how little most of my straight friends know about my life (as far as they indicate to me), and how much more I know of theirs. Perhaps they think I am reserved and not outgoing, but if asked a question, I have no hesitation in responding forthrightly. I am willing to speak about my partner of 20 years, my many friends who have died in the last few years and so forth—in other words, the parts of my life that are important to me, as straight people talk of what's important to them.

What does this mean, if anything? Perhaps people, straight or gay, like to be asked about themselves, but don't care about others. Perhaps people are afraid to learn more personal information than they can accommodate comfortably. However, as I am over 50 years old, and am unlikely to start talking about the latest orgy I've been to (a virtually unimaginable event these days), or even my favorite porn star, I can't imagine much that goes on in my gay life that would be threatening to a straight person, other than, perhaps, how similar it is to "normal" straight life. With the possible exception of HIV-related matters, conversations with my gay friends range from consideration of what's happening in the visual arts, in music, in film; what we've read of interest; politics; such mundane things as whether to refinance the mortgage—nothing shocking, it seems to me.

So I start to think that this restraint is a similar expression of fear as it is with Black people. Perhaps the fear is not that "we"—whoever we might be—are different, but the very fact that we are *not* different. We too have families, homes, many of us have children. We are all just people. It's sad if that is a cause of reticence and fear for anyone.

Matthias Lowman
San Francisco

Go Beyond Stereotypes!

I'm just as fed up with misogynist white boys as Constance Schultz, but as long as she lets stereotypes play through her emotions, she's part of the problem, not the solution. I'm talking about her suggestion to send these "pathetic" examples of neo-fascist white folk to the Sunset. Message: That's where overtly bigoted white boys are welcome. Message: These guys don't deserve the gay ghetto, so boot them out to hetland with the other oppressors.

First of all, the Sunset is close to 40 percent Asian-American, not to mention the other colors of the rainbow. So much for milky-white suburbia fantasies. Secondly, there's plenty of lesbians, gays and bisexuals here, too. Sure, we feel more isolated than in some other neighborhoods, but we're starting to change that. A new group called Sunset Rising has been bringing lesbians, gays and bisexuals together for socializing and information-sharing—and who knows where it might lead. Our next gathering is a picnic in the Strybing Arboretum, March 1. For

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Here's a bit of good news for all your readers to know about: After more than a year of pressure, the Student Union (Millberry Union) at the University of California, San Francisco, has agreed to grant domestic partners the same privileges as legally married spouses. Right now it means use of the gym and pool, but I believe it opens the door for someone to demand housing, health care or other benefits available to student spouses.

But back to misogynist white boys. I'm glad Constance Schultz is mad—stay angry, girl! But focus the anger on the injustices, the deeds, the acts, and try to leave some room to see the humans behind them, in both their failings and their potential. Or you'll never be able to reach anybody.

Sherry Boschert
San Francisco

Dysfunctional Behavior

Recently on a rainy afternoon, I made my first visit to Ananda-Fuara, a vegetarian restaurant at the corner of Market and Larkin operated by followers of the Indian spiritual master Sri Chimnoy. I looked forward to contemplating the direction of my own spirituality over some tasty food. Instead, I had a homophobic encounter with a waiter who was so uneasy with my (gay) energy that he had difficulty taking my order. Later, he dumped the food on my table with a surly "enjoy," hurrying away before I could speak. He never returned to my table to ask how the food was, if I needed anything, or even to leave the check. He treated his other customers well, and there was no mistaking his behavior toward me. I was forced to call another waiter over and, when I gently discussed the situation with her, she was reluctant to believe me.

From Stephen Gaskin's Farm in Tennessee through Zen, Subud, Vedanta and Bhagavan Nome's Avadhut, homophobia has thrived where it least ought to. What has crystallized for me is that homophobia isn't a spiritual test to be endured by lesbian and gay people; it's a form of dysfunctional behavior on the part of those who project it. I believe that homophobes like the waiter at Ananda-Fuara are magnetized to their shadow self; they try to kill in others what they don't love in themselves. The bottom line is that no one is helped by remaining silent; I believe we are empowered by speaking out.

David N. Stucki
San Francisco

Unite Against Intolerance

I wish to add my voice in support of Ms. Christine Beatty, a courageous young woman and a true Amazon, as well as for her girlfriend. It takes real courage and strength of character to come out publicly as a transsexual lesbian, and risk the censure and prejudice exhibited toward our community.

Christine and her girlfriend should be given all the love and support they so richly deserve from those who believe love should not be bound by someone's chromosomes. There is no place in the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender community for bigotry and intolerance. The straight community lumps us all together as queer anyway, queer-bashers don't care if we're gay, gay-identified transsexuals, straight-identified transsexuals or bisexuals. To them, we're all the same and worthy of their hatred.

A lot of our brothers and sisters have had their lives seriously damaged by the intolerance and bigotry exhibited by people who should know better. Some feminist writers under the guise of scholasticism, have exhibited virtual paranoia toward transsexuals. Using buzz words and specious pseudo-scholarship, they have attacked us with thinly veiled hate. This is reminiscent of Nazi Germany. They have called us dupes and pawns of the patriarchy, accusing the transsexual-lesbian of being the ultimate invasion of patriarchy into the women's community. Such vitriol is damaging to us all, not to mention the people toward whom it is directed. One woman who was heavily involved in the leadership of a major lesbian organization had a nervous breakdown after she was outed, denounced and trashed at a convention. She still lives in fear of nasty, vicious, anonymous phone calls from narrow-minded people, who have nothing better to do than attack people for trying to live their lives.

Transsexuals suffer grievously from a lack of social/societal support. Our community suffers from a lack of accessible, quality health care, social services, employment opportunities, as much as or even more than most lesbians and gay men, because many are not able to hide their transsexuality. We suffer even worse when ostracized by the very people who should be supporting us. In these days of AIDS, the greatest depression in 60 years, when racism, homophobia, sexism and, in general, steady erosion of human rights, homelessness, drug addiction and other social ills are on the rise, we can't afford to waste our energies in fighting and worrying about what a person's chromosome pattern is. A house divided against itself cannot stand, it is said. How true!

As a transsexual woman and a counselor working in the Tenderloin, I see on a daily basis the results of a heterosexist, patriarchal and homophobic society. I see the results of a society that will spend a trillion-plus dollars on a war to prop up some petty, corrupt monarchy, in order to feed its addiction to oil and powerlessness. I see women who can't get into battered women's shelters because of a lack of space, I see families going without shelter for the same reason. I see transsexuals turned away from battered women's shelters because of transphobia on the part of the staff. I have seen on more occasions than I can bear to remember transsexuals with AIDS get turned away from shelters because they didn't have female identification or because they wouldn't see a social worker, when they were outed as transsexuals. There has been more than one occasion when I have been unable to get a transsexual into an in-patient drug treatment program, because the staff felt that she would be too much of a disruptive influence on the other clients and she wouldn't stop cross-dressing (this was a gay halfway house).

As a community of oppressed people we need to unite against intolerance, injustice and discrimination. Otherwise the words of Pastor Martin Niemoller will ring true again: "When they came for the Communists, I said nothing. I was not a Communist. When they came for the trade unionists.... When they came for me, what could I say?"

Christine Tayleur
Tenderloin Self Help Center
San Francisco

A Personal Thanks

Just wanted to thank you folks for helping me find the woman of my dreams! We had both placed ads with you and met some real quality women in the search. Your paper performs a real service to the women's community—keep up the good work!

B.F.
Oakland

Promoting Dangerous Myths

As a family therapist who works with young victims of abuse on a daily basis, I eagerly looked forward to the new movie *Radio Flyer*. I hoped that this movie would help get some important messages out to the public about the topic of child abuse and its prevention.

I saw the movie over the weekend. To my surprise and horror, *Radio Flyer* gave a very dangerous message that will serve to make this world an even more dangerous place for children who live in abusive families.

The young brothers in *Radio Flyer* have a physically abusive stepfather. He beats the younger son while in an alcoholic rage. The boys make a pact with each other to keep this abuse a secret as a way to "keep Mom happy." There are concerned adults in the movie who are suspicious and offer support (notably a friendly policeman) but the boys keep the secret as the abuse increases. The battered boy finally lands in the hospital after a particularly savage beating but, even then, they are not safe as the overwhelmed and isolated mother allows the abuser back into the home after he promises "never again." The abuse does resume, of course, and the frightened boys finally concoct a fantasy machine to send the young victim flying off into the sky away from the abusive situation.

We who talk with children who live with abuse in real life work hard to tell them: (1) that they must tell someone they trust about the abuse; (2) that this is not their fault; and (3) that they deserve to be cared for and protected. We work with the nonoffending parent to: (1) strengthen their self-esteem; and (2) improve their parenting skills so they will be more able to properly protect their children from those who abuse.

I encourage people to use *Radio Flyer* as an opportunity to discuss among themselves the dangerous myths the movie promotes. I hope that this insensitive and careless movie will become a springboard from which we can all learn more about how to protect our precious children.

Helen Montgomery Lockwood, MFCC
Oakland

Cut & Dry Issue

I recently made my first pilgrimage to what has come to be known as the Gay American Mecca.

I was surprised by San Francisco's diversity, its districts and architecture, and by the absence of drag queens and GQ models.

What I realized is that San Francisco is about difference and cultures. About people living together despite different backgrounds and experiences.

Thanks for sharing your beautiful city with my friend and me; we had an incredible time.

Now to the point of my letter:

I picked up a recent copy of *SF Bay Times* (Feb. 13) and was shocked as hell to see the controversy over NAMBLA.

Perhaps I'm being naive, but I see the issue as pretty cut-and-dry. When an adult (anyone over the age of consent) has sex with a minor (anyone under the age of consent), he or she, regardless of sex, age, ethnic background or Calvin Klein waistband size, is in danger of being charged with statutory rape, child molestation or the like.

If you don't like the idea of being convicted of a sex crime with a minor, don't have sex with minors.

These laws were enacted to protect children, not really to deal with issues of sexuality—remember that.

To bring the letter to a quick end... pedophilia is still pedophilia, whether it be by NAMBLA members or "Aunt Dorothy." Need further clarification/motivation? Check out *After the Ball*.

Nick Westfall
Casper, Wyo.

Youth Sex

I don't know much about NAMBLA. I've never read their literature or spoken to a member (that I know of). I do know that they advocate lowering the age of consent, and I agree that it is too high. I don't believe they advocate coercion, manipulation, exploitation, or abuse of children in any way. Influence? What adult does not influence a child?

I know this: I first had sex with an adult man when I was 13. I sought him out. I made my desires clearly known to him. I encouraged him to consent, which he did, reluctantly. I was very fortunate to have found him, as he was gentle, kind, patient and loving. I thank God he had the courage to risk being locked away by our Puritanical society for offering me love and guidance when I needed it.

The abuse I experienced in my early years came from my alcoholic father (straight), my homophobic teachers and coaches, and my cruel and thoughtless peers.

C. Hjort
San Francisco

More on GLAAD Grant

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation is being disingenuous when it says it has not sought a grant from a couple of major Hollywood studios (Letters, Feb. 13). My concern is GLAAD's link with a group that has, Hollywood Supports. GLAAD's ties with Hollywood Supports raises fundamental conflict-of-interest questions.

According to a report in the *Bay Area Reporter* (Jan. 23), Hollywood Supports has been given $125,000 from Fox, Inc., and MCA/Universal to hold educational seminars within the film industry. The article says GLAAD/LA's former executive director, Rich Jennings, will run Hollywood Supports, and notes the new organization "would be coordinated with...the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation" and "In conjunction with GLAAD...Jennings will coordinate sensitivity training and education seminars about AIDS in the workplace and gay and lesbian imagery" within the entertainment industry.

No reputable watchdog group coordinates its work with or provides training for the industries it monitors. Just the opposite: Organizations as diverse as the ACLU, B'nai Brith and Consumers Union have adversarial or at the very least arm's-length relationships with the entities they monitor. This is only right, since people depend on them to be unbiased in helping safeguard our rights. The closer a watchdog group is to the industry or group it watches, the less credible it is to the community it serves.

GLAAD's averral it has not sought a grant from Fox or Universal merely sidesteps the heart of my concern. Its statement that it has no financial or legal association with Hollywood Supports is fine, but doesn't go far enough. If GLAAD has developed a way to distance itself from Hollywood Supports or if GLAAD wishes to refute the inaccuracy of the *B.A.R.*'s report, it should inform the gay and lesbian community.

I had raised the issue of GLAAD's cooperation with the film industry in the context of GLAAD's accommodation with another element of the com-

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600 Black Gay & Lesbian Activists Attend 5th Annual Leadership Conference

BY SIDNEY BRINKLEY

At the very beginning of his welcoming address at the opening plenary of the 5th Annual Black Gay and Lesbian Conference, Phill Wilson, co-chair of the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum (BGLLF), took time out to thank God. "I don't know about you," he said, "but in the last ten days I have discovered there is a God, and She is on our side." He was referring to a host of problems that had turned the conference into a last minute logistical nightmare for Unity, the Oakland-based organization which hosted the event, and BGLLF.

Nevertheless, as the conference wound down to its final hours two days later, many of the participants appeared to agree that they had experienced an empowering, affirming and generally successful Black gay conference. Nearly 600 Black gay men and lesbians from the United States, Canada and England attended the event, which ran from Feb. 13-17 in Oakland.

Among the diverse group, which appeared to be evenly divided between male and female, were a number of nationally known political leaders and cultural figures, including Dr. Marjorie Hill, New York Mayor David Dinkins' liaison to the gay community; poet and author Jewell Gomez; Hon. Sherrie Harris, the first Black openly lesbian elected official; Reggie Williams of the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention; and poet Assoto Saint. However, the unofficial guest of honor was Ruth Ellis, a remarkable 92-year-old Black lesbian from Detroit, Mich., attending her first Black gay conference.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Phil Wilson addresses the capacity crowd at the conference plenary.

"In my day I didn't know anything about a lesbian or a gay person," she said. "My mother died early in my life, and I didn't know anything about sex. My father brought a book home one time and put it on his desk. He knew I would meddle and read it. That was the only way I knew anything about sex."

She said her father assumed she found all she needed to know from that first reading. However, when she became aware of her feelings for other women, "I had to go back and read it all over again," she said.

The conference was preceded by two days of institutes, including a day-long "AIDS Institute" hosted by Reggie Williams, which featured New York City Mental Health Commissioner, Dr. Billy E. Jones, as keynote speaker. A "Women's Institute" was hosted by Ache, a group of Black lesbians from the Bay Area.

One of the tracts at that institute featured an electoral politics panel with Gwenn Craig, a San Francisco Police Commissioner; Marjorie Hill; and Pat Norman, the first openly lesbian candidate for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. According to Skye Ward, one of the items discussed at the lesbian caucus was the possibility of convening a National Black Lesbian Conference to be held in conjunction with the 1994 Black Gay Conference.

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS, FATHERS AND SONS

While the stated theme of the present conference was "Black Lesbians and Gays Weaving the Future," little, if anything, was offered to support that title. It appears a more relevant theme would have been one that spoke of the relationships Black gay men and lesbians have with their parents and/or children.

The emphasis on family was due in large part to the presence of Clara Villarosa, mother of Linda Villarosa, a senior editor at *Essence* magazine. Linda Villarosa had publicly come out as a lesbian in a widely read article she and her mother co-wrote for the 21st anniversary issue of *Essence* last May.

Since her public disclosure, Villarosa has been in demand as a speaker at gay events. She and her mother were on hand to deliver the keynote address at the opening plenary. While approximately 200 people gathered outside of the room they were to use for their speech, they talked about being thrust into the public spotlight.

"I really enjoy it. I feel like I'm giving something back," Linda Villarosa said. "The only pressure has been with my schedule. I'm not a very organized person, and I've had to become much more organized to get where I'm supposed to be on time."

Clara Villarosa said the impact of the article didn't hit her until after it had come out and she began receiving numerous phone calls and letters.

"I had told friends about my daughter's sexual preference and wasn't hiding it at that point," she said. "But I realized it was a coming out story for me, because five million people had an oppor-

After Sthonewall: A Chronology of Black Lesbian and Gay Activism

"Gone are the days when people from our own communities can oppress us and count on our silence so they can go on oppressing us. This is a critical time for Black lesbians and gay men. We can't remain invisible."

When Sandra Lowe, then a lawyer with the Lambda Legal Defense Fund, spoke those words in December 1990, she was expressing a sentiment that is widely held among Black lesbian and gay activists.

However, that sentiment has yet to be adopted by the rank and file of Black lesbians and gays, many of whom choose to suffer oppression in silence. Yet the fact that such a statement could be publicly made shows just how far Black gays and lesbians have come.

While Black gays were among those at the center of the event that virtually everyone agrees marks the beginning of the present white gay and lesbian movement, the 1969 police raid on the Stonewall bar in New York City, a Black gay and lesbian political consciousness distinct from the white gay movement, did not begin to develop until nearly ten years later. If one had to note a specific year as marking the start of the current Black lesbian and gay movement, arguably that year would be 1979. Friday, Oct. 12, 1979, to be exact.

On that date the first Third World Lesbian and Gay Conference was convened in Washington, D.C., by the National Coalition of Black Gays (NCBG). Prior to 1979, whenever Black lesbians and gays gathered in any numbers, the focus was decidedly social. The social clubs like "The Best of Washington" in the District of Columbia, "Mox Nix" in Philadelphia, or "The Chieftans" in Chicago would routinely attract hundreds of Black gays to social events.

For those Black gays and lesbians who were politically motivated, there were groups like the Gay Activists Alliance or National Gay Task Force—white organizations run, for the most part, by white gay men who knew little and cared less about Black gay issues or concerns.

Then, along came NCBG. The organization had formed the year before, and the conference, timed to coincide with the first National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, was to be its first big event.

Everything about the conference was Black. It was held in a Black neighborhood at a recently built, Black-owned hotel with an African name, the Harambe House, which was adjacent to Howard University.

Black lesbian poet Audre Lorde, in African garments, delivered the keynote address to a standing-room-only crowd of nearly 500 Black gays and lesbians, many of whom were just discovering one could be Black and gay or lesbian, and proud of both. In her speech that night, Audre Lorde spoke of the strength found among Black gays.

"As lesbians and gay men, we have been the most despised, the most oppressed and the most spat-upon people in our communities. And we have survived. That survival is a testament to our strength. We have survived and we have come together now to use that strength to implement a future, hopefully a future that shall be free from the mistakes of our oppressors, as well as from our own. What we are doing here this weekend can help shape our tomorrows and a world. We are going to turn that beat totally around."

- 1969. Stonewall: When New York City police raided the Stonewall Bar in Greenwich Village, the patrons, some of whom were Black, Hispanic and white drag queens, fought back.
- 1975. Baltimore Gay Alliance forms, the first gay organization in the nation to have an interracial board of directors.
- 1978. "MOJA": The first newspaper for Black gays & lesbians is published in New York City by Calvin Lowery.
- 1979. The National Coalition of Black Gays meet at President Carter's White House to discuss Black gay and lesbian issues.
- NCBG convenes the first Third World Lesbian and Gay Conference in Washington, D.C.
- *Blacklight*, the first magazine for Black lesbians and gays, is published.
- 1980. The Lambda Student Alliance forms at Howard University. It is the first lesbian and gay organization on a Black campus.
- 1980. Mel Boozer, an openly gay Black man, is nominated for vice-president at the Democratic National Convention and in a moving address, called for delegates to help fight discrimination against Blacks and gays.
- 1981. Perry Watkins, a Black gay army sergeant, makes his first appearance in court to fight discharge proceedings. It would be ten years till final victory.
- 1983. Black lesbian writer Audre Lorde speaks at the 20th Anniversary of the March on Washington.
- 1986. *In the Life*, a collection of work by Black gay men edited by Joseph Beam, is published.
- 1988. The first annual Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Conference is held.
- Black lesbian and gay writers protest exclusion by the Black literary establishment at the 2nd National Black Writers Conference.
- 1989. Keith St. John of Albany, N.Y., becomes the first Black openly gay man elected to office.
- 1991. Sherrie Harris of Seattle, Wash., becomes the first Black openly lesbian elected to office.

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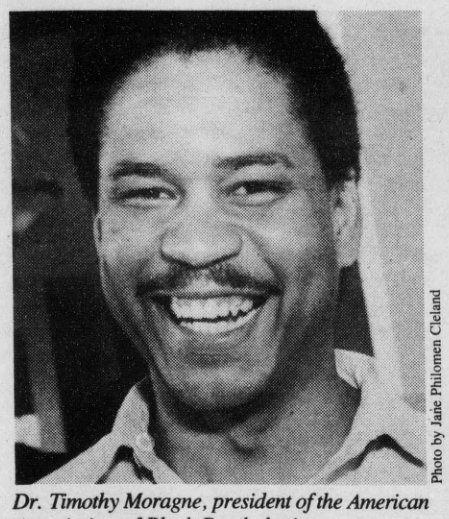
92-year-old African American lesbian Ruth Ellis was a very popular attendee at the Black Gay & Lesbian Leadership Forum—the first such conference she ever attended.



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Dr. Timothy Moragne, president of the American Association of Black Psychologists

tunity to read it. Then I started getting phone calls and letters from people all over the country wanting to tell me their stories. Neither of us anticipated this response.''

Both say overall the response has been overwhelmingly positive. However, Linda Villarosa says there was one incident with an acquaintance that changed her perception of what she had done.

''I had a small conflict with someone who worked at my office. We had been on good terms before the article came out; then she changed. As it turned out, her family was giving her a hard time because she had appeared in a photograph with me. She later apologized. But it showed me how naive I was. I was thinking, 'Everything's fine. Everything's great. I'm this out lesbian and have had no backlash.' That incident put me back in the real world. There are still people out there who are homophobic and who can be very nasty.''

For part of their speech, they read brief sections from the *Essence* article. Then Linda Villarosa spoke of how ironic it was that one year ago *Essence* had refused to run an ad for the BGLLF Conference and was on the verge of being sued by the organization. Now, she was appearing as the keynote speaker.

''We got an announcement about the lawsuit at one of our meetings,'' she told the audience. ''We were all shocked, but I was sitting there devastated. I like to think that out of every negative comes something positive. People gay and straight learned of the power, the conviction and the force of the Black lesbian and gay community. The people on *Essence*'s advertising staff learned it more than anyone. The leaders in our community rallied together and showed everybody that we are strong and we are united and that we are a force to be reckoned with.''

The following day the Villarosas were joined in a workshop by the parents of Phill Wilson. Titled ''Mothers and Daughters, Fathers and Sons,'' it dealt with issues around coming out to one's parents. The parents said they knew their child was gay even before the child did. ''I always knew it,'' Mrs. Wilson said of her son Phill, who had said he didn't know he was gay until he was in his late teens.

They also spoke of parents who ''know'' but are afraid to ask. ''I had to know,'' said Clara Villarosa. ''It was important to me to know. Maybe other parents want to know but just can't take that step. Sometimes you have to help them to take that step they want to take but can't take.''

Others talked about being gay parents to heterosexual children and the risks involved in coming out to them. While some spoke of loss and separation, one encounter had a decidedly happy though surprising ending. Rev. La Paula Turner of MCC in Los Angeles is the mother of six children and was out to five of them. She had been separated from her youngest daughter, Loren, for 23 years.

During their first telephone conversation, Rev. Turner decided to tell her she was a lesbian. ''I was expecting this backlash because Loren had been raised as a Pentecostal,'' she said. ''After I told her, I started quoting all the Bible passages that affirm diversity. She tried to interrupt but I kept reading. Finally she said, 'Mom, I'm a lesbian too.' ''

That scene occurred several months ago, and now mother and daughter were at the conference together. The response to the workshop and to the Villarosa's speech prompted BGLLF to plan a ''Parent's Institute'' for next year's conference, which Clara Villarosa agreed to host.

POLITICS FROM THE HEART

The 47 other workshops included ''Understanding Sexual Minority Youth,'' ''ACT UP & AIDS Activism Among People of Color,'' ''Androgyny and Femininity'' and ''Battery and Sexual Assault in the Lesbian Community.'' In addition, there were a number of cultural and social events.

Among those honored at the awards banquet were Alan Bell, Sandra Lowe and the Rev. Cecil Williams. Alan Bell, publisher of *BLK* magazine, received the Black Quill Award, which is given to the person who projects positive images about the Black gay community. Sandra Lowe, a lawyer who was recently appointed Director of the Office of Gay and Lesbian Concerns for Gov. Cuomo, received the Mable Hampton Award, which is given to the lesbian who makes outstanding contributions to the lesbian community.

Rev. Williams was given a Humanitarian Award by Unity for his years of support for the gay community. He was greeted with rousing applause and a standing ovation.

''For 20 years I have been at Glide Church,'' he said. ''During my first week we did something no church in America was doing at that time. We called together gays and lesbians and told them we were going to form a Council on Religion and the Homosexual. The mother church tried to excommunicate me. They tried everything in their way to discredit my ministry. But to be spiritual is to have self-definition, and if you can't be your full self, then you are not being spiritual. Thank you for being spiritual.''

Sherrie Harris was the featured speaker for the evening. She spoke of the problems she encountered when she decided to run against the first Black man elected to the Seattle City Council, an office he had held for 24 years.

''My race was special because I would run with three distinctions. As a woman. As an African American. As a lesbian,'' she said. ''Those three characteristics, which I was privileged to be born with, have done more than any single driving force in my life to show me that the personal is political, that this country has the disease of discrimination, of hatred, of inequality. By virtue of all who I am, if I did not rise to be part of the solution and oppose the oppression we all face, then I would be part of the problem.''

The keynote address at the closing plenary the following day was delivered by Dr. Tim Moragne, president of the Association of Black Psychologists. Dr. Moragne gave an emotional account of his reaction to his cousin's death from AIDS, a death that was the catalyst for his own coming out. During his speech Dr. Moragne said he was ''not a politician but one who spoke from the heart.''

At that point he was interrupted by poet Assoto Saint, who interpreted Moragne's remark to mean that people involved in politics were more intellect than heart. ''People who are involved with politics come from the heart also,'' he shouted from the back of the room. Moragne agreed and apologized.

When he continued, he spoke of his anger at the attempt made by a few members of the association to block him from becoming president. ''It all comes down to three words for me in response to the rage I feel,'' he said. ''Those three words are *How dare you?* 'How dare you? How dare you try to deny me a position for which I am eminently qualified, because of your prejudice.' ''

''Easily,'' shouted Assoto Saint again. ''They dare to do those things to us because people are not getting out there in the street. People are keeping it to themselves. Because you are standing there telling us you are coming from a personal space and not a political space. That's why they dare to do what they do to us and you don't understand it.'' Afterward, Saint demanded that he be given an opportunity to speak and he urged the audience to be more vocal and more visible,

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BY DAVE FORD

The Boob Tube's New Rubes

My friend Tim and I are dressed in matching white polo shirts, pastel pink and blue Bermuda shorts, argyle socks and tennies. But we haven't committed these heinous fashion crimes to prepare for a K mart shop-a-thon or a Lou Sheldon barbeque. We aren't aggressively insulting the discerning sartorial eye just to cruise the Serramonte Mall or chow down at a Walnut Creek Pizza Hut. You won't catch us lurking at a Rotarian weekend softball game, downin' brewskis and cruisin' babes.

Rather, we're on the set of *The Lavendar Lounge*, the cable public access "TV Dance Show For Gay Boys and Girls." Today's theme: "Suburban Nightmare." Tim's and my *uber*-burb drag resonates with the scarifying apparitions circulating around the chilly Channel 25 studio: lithe lads in shredded jeans and T-shirts (and wigs); housecoat-enshrouded drag queens pushing shopping carts brimming with beauty products; even—go figure—a PeeWee Herman clone.

A heightened buzz anticipates the arrival of comedian Fred Willard. Nationally known talent! Right here in amateur-hour hell! Willard hosts the Comedy Channel's *Access America*, a mutant *America's Funniest Home Videos* that plays clips, blips and bloopers from the cable-access shows—talk shows, sex shows, how-to farm shows, even gay/lesbian dance shows—that have exploded with the past decade's cable boom. He'll be here to cohost today's show, bits of which will appear on *AA*. Of course, *AA* not-so-subtly makes fun of the wacky shows; that concerns *Lavendar Lounge* producer Mark Kliem (rhymes with...well, 'rhyme'). But what's a little ribbing when you're talking national exposure? *Access America* reaches *15 million homes*!

A kazillion little color dots: cultural revolution?

Big Wienie Joke: Comedian Fred Willard

"So it's important we don't fuck it up," Kliem, 36, reminds the assembled drags, fags, punks and fame sluts before Willard appears. "That means no dicks, no women's nipples and no pussy on camera."

Which, when you think about it, is a caveat they probably don't hurl at kids about to swing their things on, say, Club MTV.

"THEY'VE BEEN ON, THEY TELL"

But the warning is well aimed. Having filmed since last February and aired since last September (it's on SF Cable Channel 25, Tuesdays at 1:30 pm), the half-hour show is Kliem's "queer American Bandstand," his "Sodomite Soul Train," his "Homo Hullaballoo." Its wacky themes have included Dead Celebrities, Catholic Night, Uniform Night, a *Vegas in Space* tribute, Gym Night and New Psychedelics—all of which have served as excuses for passels of really cute guys to dress up (barely) and flash their flesh for the starmaking cameras.

Yes: guys. For all its multiracial, fringe appeal, *The Lavendar Lounge* lacks women. "I flyer at women's bars," Kliem laments, "but they don't respond—maybe because I'm a man. The *intention*, though, is to have the show be 50-50."

Then again, Kliem says, it's difficult to get *anyone*—especially bleary club kids—to appear at the two-hour Saturday afternoon tapings. "If you don't have the lure of alcohol, it's tough to get 'em to show up," he laughs. Still, he manages to attract anywhere from 25 to 70 participants (after handing out 2,000 flyers in and around the Castro). Some are enticed by the promise of that night's party: cast and crew gather at one of the video bars (current fave: The Giraffe on Polk) to screen the day's rough footage. But most are coaxed to the set with the implicit promise of a local fame blast.

"People love to see themselves on TV," Kliem says. "Once they've been on, they tell all their friends about it. That's the best publicity."

Kliem says that at the Embarcadero Center, near where he works, "These stuffy executives with briefcases stop me in the elevator and say, 'Hey, I saw you on TV last night.' " Heady stuff for a Detroit boy with a broadcasting degree from Central Michigan University who, just two years ago, was deep in what he now jokingly calls "my midlife crisis." Volunteering last year as a cameraman at Channel 25, Kliem "saw some of the bozos who did shows there, and thought, 'I can do much better than this.' "

And he did: *Lavendar Lounge*'s way-queer imagery—pierced nipples and bellybuttons; high drag; groovin', hot-pants-encased booties—is enhanced by endearingly cheesy camera grafix (swoops, fades, diamond wipes) and bookended by "ads" for imaginary products like "Breeder Away, the Heterosexual Repellent Spray" and "Sun Lube, The First All-in-One Sunblock and Lubricant."

And no, you don't see dick or nipple—unless it's a close-up of manmeat outlined in spandex shorts. Mostly, you see a "Hey, kids—let's put on a show!" performance replete with muffed cues, good-bad comedy, silly skits, and lots and lots of dancing. It's just fabulous grass-roots queer camp. Tuning in is far superior to watching "heterosexuals" shimmy on Club MTV, which doesn't allow same-sex couples. *Lavendar Lounge* is the kind of thing a channel-surfing kid might slide across and think, "Whoa—you mean I'm not the only one?"

A SHIFT, IN TOTO

Fred Willard finally arrives, sporting a disturbingly beige, polyester suit—it's either utterly ironic raiment or (scary thought) reveals his true taste. His wife is decked out in a crushed velvet pantsuit, *faux*-diamond earrings and black patent leather slip-ons. Her hair's a blond not found in nature. A manager-type accompanies them; he and Mrs. Fred laugh at Willard's every ad-lib, on- and off-camera. A *New York Times* reporter, covering *Access America*, scribbles furiously nearby.

"I guess we're not in Kansas any more," Willard deadpans, surveying the assorted gender-benders and swamp freaks. Most of them are too young to remember Willard's virtuoso stint as cohost, with Martin Mull, of the seminal '70s talk-show send-up, *Fernwood 2Night*. But I'm not; he blanches when I mention I loved the show. "I never get tired of hearing that," he grimaces diplomatically.

But never mind niceties—it's showtime! We dancers fan out across the stage riser, under fake-marble flats sporting the show's logo. On cue, we

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bugaloo to a bouncy, Box-ish tune. Techies expertly guide three floor-standing cameras around us; we can see ourselves on a large studio monitor. (Surreptitiously regarding it, dancers get that slidey-eyed look peculiar to fags trying to check themselves out in dance-club mirrors without being spotted.)

After a few minutes, the music fades, we all cheer insanely, and Kliem introduces the show. Dressed in a brown polyester, Denny's-in-Nevada jacket (in other words, utterly ironic raiment), with penciled-in eyebrows and high hair, Kliem's a serviceable center to the swirling chaos: He grounds the proceedings with a Dr. Spockian charm.

Kliem outfits Willard in a chef's hat and apron, and guides him to a barbeque grill. This occassions a torrent of ad-libs about hot buns. When Kliem asks what's cooking, Willard pulls a still-wrapped package of Oscar Meyers from the grill and makes a crack about "safe wieners." We all laugh insanely.

A 500-POUND GUERRILLA

It's a clever joke, a '90s joke. It's a joke whose underpinnings suggest this inane little cable show is more than just a frenetic lark: It's a brave laugh. A couple of Rubbermen—the S.F. AIDS Foundation caped crusaders who regularly descend on bars to dispense condoms—are among tonight's dancers. The disease is never far from the core of our lives. National response to it is still abysmal; its absurdly ongoing wreckage, and gay anger and activism in response to it, have in turn given rise to blatant anti-gay viciousness both judicially and culturally.

That's why *Lavendar Lounge*, and other gay TV shows—Channel 35's *Electric City* and the upcoming *Out in America*—are courageous acts of guerrilla theater. Never mind the argument—the same one that plagues the Lesbian/Gay Parade year after year—about "appropriate imagery." Never mind what you think of drag queens and pierced boys and dumb-lovable comedy: Gay imagery in the mainstream visual media is practically nonexistent. Few gay/lesbian characters populate TV shows; the ones in movies are either protrayed as psychos (*Silence of the Lambs*, *Basic Instinct*) or snipped from the final print (*LA Story*). Gay film historian Daniel Mangin calls the misleading imagery "part of a larger symphony of misinformation and disinformation in the public discourse on homosexuality."

That symphony plays loud in what's fast becoming our post-literate society. As school attendance and reading skills decline, a new generation of post-lit kids reared on Nintendo and Mac-play forego books for nonlinear, spatially and visually oriented interaction with dazzling techno-toys. Weighty print tomes on homosexuality are fine; but *images* change minds—and lives. The cultural war is fought more through the Third Eye in the living room than through traditional channels like newspapers, magazines and books.

Cable-access television is one of the new info-slipstreams. Cable is the great leveler: Channel scanners see *The Brady Bunch* buck up against Bangladesh floods, *Casablanca* next to the Super Bowl, roller derby alongside C-Span's gasbag politicians. And now, riffing in the mix and rippling the flicked switches: a dance show with jammin' queers. If the show doesn't get lost in the alpha-wave haze, queer imagery will become a vital part of the local visual/cultural stew, as righteous as Mr. Ed or the Joffrey Ballet or the presidential debates.

It's a beautiful, 80-channel kind of love thing.

BEFUDDLED, HE WAVES GLOVES

Fred Willard is a pro, and a very funny man. On today's show, he intuitively plays straight—in more ways than one—to the deranged scene around him. When the drag troupe Acid Housewife lip-synchs its twist on Michael Jackson's "Don't Stop Till You Get Enough" (theirs is "Don't Shop..."), accompanied by two pretty-boy dancers, Willard warns the "ladies" about the boys: "Careful—you know how randy those dancer-types can get!" Willard's dense and befuddled suburban bozo can't see the drag in front of his face; it's a brilliant performance.

For the show's close, we all scramble onstage and slam it to one last jam. Willard stands stage center, goofily waving a pair of rubber dishwashing gloves. A boy in a short-short shirt and tight lycra shorts strokes his legs. A drag queen with absurdly pointy teats swivels below him. Tim and I, horrid little suburban "straight" boys in lawn-party drag, hump and bump raunchily. "PeeWee" twirls serenely. Cameras glide, music pounds, dancers scream.

Over it all, Kliem stands stage right and mouths a rap-up. Then we join him for the *Lavendar Lounge* manifesto. Mindful of HIV-afflicted friends and mainstream invisibility and dreams of stardom and notions of perennial grooviness and Bud and Sandy on *Flipper*, we inhale a collective breath, then shriek: "WE'RE HERE, WE'RE QUEER—*AND WE'RE ON TV*!"

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Black Conf....

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especially in the fight against AIDS.

The final day of the conference was devoted to a meeting open only to the members of BGLLF. It was the first meeting since the organization was opened to the public last year. Approximately 60 people attended. In addition to the pre-planning of the 1993 conference, scheduled to be held in Los Angeles, the main issues discussed concerned the cost of attending the present conference and the makeup of the BGLLF board of directors.

The complete conference package came to $190, a price that many said was prohibitive, especially for women. After a general overview by Phill Wilson, many in the room appeared surprised at the cost of producing a conference of this size and suggested the organization explore less expensive alternatives. During an earlier interview, Wilson said BGLLF lost $6,000 on the 1991 Los Angeles conference and $8,000 on the Atlanta conference the year before. No figures were available for the 1992 conference by press time.

The second issue was the BGLLF board of directors. Presently it is a Los Angeles-based organization with the majority of the board residing in the L.A. area. Wilson described the board as being "self-perpetuating," meaning only the board decides who will sit on the board, with no input from the general membership.

The point was made that BGLLF was in reality a local organization giving a national conference, and if it was going to be a national organization then it should have a board made up of representatives from different regions of the country. While no final decision was reached it, was clear by the end of the meeting the membership wanted some major changes in the structure of the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum.

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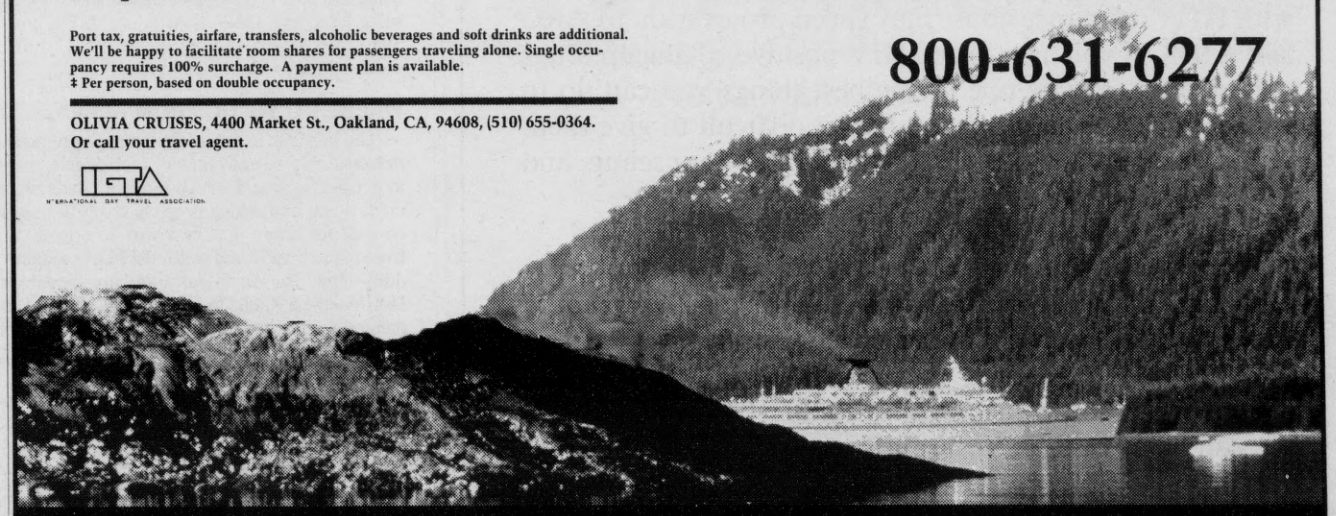

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ddC: Buyers' Clubs Discontinue Sales After Potency Variations Found

On Jan. 24, the Food and Drug Administration visited three buyers' clubs—PWA Health Group in New York, Healing Alternatives Foundation in San Francisco, and PWA Fight for Life in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.—and took samples of ddC for analysis, after unconfirmed reports of variations in dosage between capsules. On Feb. 5, the FDA notified the New York and San Francisco clubs that significant variations in potency had been found, in lots number 119153 (NY) and 119153 and 1291125 (SF). An independent test run by the distributor also found unacceptable potency variations. Both clubs stopped selling the ddC, sent their customers warning letters as the FDA had suggested, and offered refunds.

Among persons with HIV, the greatest fear by far has been that the treatment may become unavailable. There is also a demand that better quality-assurance testing be in place in the future, with test results made available to clients.

The FDA asked buyers' clubs to "strongly encourage your customers who wish to take ddC to explore the options for obtaining legally produced ddC through the existing expanded access program or ongoing controlled clinical trials." However, these options have not been available in the recent past; the expanded access program referred to, for example, has not allowed ddC to be combined with AZT, although almost all the current interest in ddC is in its use as part of this combination, not in single therapy with ddC alone. And of the two clinical trials testing the ddC plus AZT combination in comparison with other treatments, one (ACTG 155) is already full, and another (ACTG 175) is only beginning now. The FDA is working with the drug's developer, Hoffmann-La Roche, to liberalize the company's existing expanded access program to provide an alternative to buyers' club ddC to some of the patients who are not eligible to receive the drug in trials. We do not know how inclusive a program, if any, will be worked out.

Future availability of combination treatment with ddC plus AZT is not guaranteed; the AIDS community may need to defend this treatment access in the future.

ddC QUALITY CONTROL: WHAT WAS FOUND?

A recent letter from the PWA Health Group, the buyers' club in New York, to its clients summarized the test results on that group's ddC:

"The results of FDA laboratory testing indicated that ddC obtained through the PWA Health Group varied in potency from 64-188 percent of declared value. That means that the capsules tested (they tested 10), which should have contained 0.25 mg of ddC, were found to contain between 0.16 and 0.47 mg of ddC. The average potency was found to be 129 percent of declared value, or approximately 0.32 mg."

In San Francisco, of ten individual capsules tested from each of the two lots (20 capsules altogether), the FDA found no ddC in one capsule, and 2.3 times the stated amount in another; the other 18 varied between .25 and 1.28 times the stated amount.

In Fort Lauderdale, the ddC was provided in 0.50 mg tablets (instead of 0.25 mg capsules); the tablets were made by a different manufacturer. These tablets were found to contain from 86-91 percent of their declared value.

There is no evidence of any problem with the ddC itself, although FDA tests are continuing. The variation seems to have been in mixing it with an inert ingredient for filling the capsules. (In any case, the danger of impurities from the manufacture of the chemical would be less with ddC than with most other drugs, because ddC is used in very small doses; one gram is enough to treat an adult for well over a year.)

The dosage problem appears to be new, apparently brought on by an attempt to improve the inert ingredient used as filler in the capsules (by using a hypoallergenic filler). Earlier tests on capsules from the same distributor, in December 1990, and March and December 1991, showed much better product consistency.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

The big fear in the AIDS community now is that ddC may be unavailable, with people unable to get the treatment which they and their physicians want, and which in many cases has worked well for them. The best way to prevent this from happening would be for the FDA to approve ddC—and in the meantime for developer Hoffmann-La Roche to liberalize its current "expanded access" program to make ddC available to those who want to use it in combination with AZT.

In addition, the buyers' clubs must tighten their quality assurance procedures. A simple requirement that a report of the results of quality-assurance testing be on file for every lot before that lot is sold—with copies available for any customer who wants one—would have prevented the current situation from happening. In some cases, the clubs should do their own quality control, independent of that of the distributor. Buyers' clubs from across the country were already developing such guidelines and standards, even before the ddC problem was suspected.

Because of the strong emotions raised by the fear that ddC will be cut off, there have been suspicions that the timing of this issue was part of a plot, by pharmaceutical companies, the FDA, or others, to discredit and ultimately destroy the buyers' clubs. We have found no evidence, or even any reason to believe, that this is the case. Since thousands of people have been using the buyers' club ddC (some for well over a year), usually on the recommendation of their physician, the quality-assurance problem would have come to light on its own, without any conspiracy. This is because many physicians have naturally been concerned that the drug their patients were using was of good quality. During the last year physicians have tried to get samples analyzed, either by Hoffmann-La Roche or by the FDA. We do not know what tests were done. But once a problem was found, it would have been grossly improper to conceal it and not give a warning. So far at least, it appears that the FDA, and Hoffmann-La Roche (if it has been involved at all), have acted properly.

Among those close to the buyers' clubs, many believe that private conflicts among a few AIDS activists have complicated the handling of this situation, and also complicated other aspects of the relationship between the clubs and the FDA. These disputes would not have affected the quality-control problem itself, however, or the timing of its discovery.

There is also a concern that the current, easily correctable ddC dosage problem may later be used, by the FDA and/or pharmaceutical companies, as an occasion to shut down access to treatments which should be available.

The AIDS community may need to fight for ddC access in the future—either for FDA approval as soon as possible (the best option), a liberalized expanded-access program (second best), and/or for reliable buyers' club access. If all of these channels are blocked, then the drug will be available in the least desirable way—through a traditional black market, where money talks and the community has little control. Those with financial means and/or connections will continue to get treatment, but access could become difficult and burdensome for others.

ddC BACKGROUND

ddC has become part of a de facto standard of care for thousands of people, before being officially approved for any human use. How did this situation come about?

ddC (2',3'-dideoxycytidine), an experimental antiretroviral, is a nucleoside analog (in the same class of drug as AZT). ddC, which has been available from chemical supply houses for years (it is used in DNA experiments in laboratories) was one of the first drugs tried as an anti-HIV treatment. But nobody knew that the appropriate dose was very small—a hundred times or more less than the dose of AZT or ddI. Therefore, the first trials used doses which were far too large, which caused serious, crippling neuropathy. As a result, researchers largely lost interest in the drug for about two years. When it was learned that lower doses might be tolerable and effective, interest revived. There have now been over 20 human trials of ddC that are either finished or ongoing.

The most scientifically definitive trial of ddC as a single-drug treatment for patients without prior AZT therapy recently ended in failure. The trial, known as ACTG 114, tested ddC alone vs. AZT alone in patients with AIDS or advanced ARC. This national study, with more than 600 volunteers, was stopped a year earlier than planned, by the study's Data Safety Monitoring Board, or DSMB, (which periodically meets and secretly "unblinds" the trial, to see if the results are so extreme that it would be unethical to continue). The DSMB found that there were 59 deaths in the 320 patients assigned to ddC, compared to 33 deaths in the 315 assigned to AZT—meaning that AZT clearly worked better when used as a single drug, at least at the doses being tested. (ddC might still be used for patients who cannot tolerate or no longer respond to AZT and have no other choice. Trials to test this use are continuing.)

Even before this result came out, almost all of

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the interest in buyers' club ddC concerned its use in combination with AZT, not its use as a single drug.

ddC AND AZT IN COMBINATION

A small clinical trial of HIV treatment with a combination of AZT and ddC was finished in November 1990, but not formally published for over a year. In June 1991 the results were presented at satellite seminars at the VII International Conference on AIDS in Florence.

In any event, long before the scientific paper was published, the results of this study had established a de facto standard of care among many of the best-informed patients and physicians—a standard which includes a drug not officially approved for any medical use. While exact figures are not available, low estimates are that several thousand patients—most at the suggestion of their physicians—are obtaining ddC at buyers' clubs to use in combination with AZT, which they obtain by prescription. But this major growth of combination anti-HIV therapy also took place largely outside of public view, as AIDS activists were concerned that too much attention could pressure the FDA to crack down, cutting off a lifeline on which thousands depended. Now the attention has come anyway—even before the recent quality-control issue.

Behind the delay in releasing the scientific results was an intense but quiet controversy in the AIDS research community. Our best understanding of this controversy (and we cannot claim objectivity) is that the study in question, officially called ACTG 106, with principal investigators Margaret Fischl, M.D., and Douglas Richman, M.D., was designed as a small trial (with 56 patients total) to test the safety of using various doses of ddC and AZT in combination.

To everyone's surprise, not only did the combination seem safe, it also appeared to work much better than any other anti-HIV treatment known. All volunteers had AIDS or advanced ARC, with average T-cells counts under 100 at the start of treatment, but these averages went up with peak increases of at least 70 to 120 above the starting count, depending on dosage group. These T-cell rises lasted about twice as long as would have been expected with either drug alone, and over two-thirds of the patients on the four appropriate combination doses had T-helper rises of at least 50 on two consecutive monthly measurements. Very few opportunistic infections occurred after the first five weeks of the study; several occurred in the first five weeks, presumably before the treatment had time to be fully effective.

Before this study, the "conventional wisdom" had been that persons with T-cell counts below 100 would not recover even if the AIDS virus could be entirely stopped, because the immune system had been too badly damaged. This small trial showed how much could be done with improved antiviral treatments alone, even without any immune-based treatment to help repair damage which had already occurred.

But this study was not designed or intended to test the efficacy of the combination treatment—only to test its safety. The number of patients was small. The study was unblinded, and patients were not fully randomized in their assignment to treatment groups. New patients were added to the treatment groups to replace those who left, for various reasons, in the first eight weeks. The treatment groups were not always well balanced, with one dosage group having a median T-helper count as high as 103 at baseline, another a median as low as 35. (But the group which did best also started with a low median T-helper count, of 47.) And no patients received standard treatment for comparison; one group received AZT alone, but only 150 mg per day—a dose which this study showed is too low.

These issues would not make much difference for a preliminary safety trial, but they would have been avoided in a study designed to collect definitive efficacy information. ACTG 106 was intended as a preliminary study. If results were good, it would be followed by a much larger efficacy trial. (That larger study, called ACTG 155, is now under way. It includes over 1,000 volunteers randomly assigned to one of three groups: AZT alone, ddC alone, or the combination.)

What happened with ACTG 106 is that scientists and people with HIV drew different practical conclusions from it. Scientists who run clinical trials are interested in maintaining scientific standards, in doing studies correctly so that they get solid, trustworthy results. People with life-threatening illnesses, on the other hand, are interested in using whatever knowledge is available to make the best treatment decisions they can.

What has been most persuasive to us about ACTG 106 is that it is hard to interpret the outcome other than as showing that the combination treatment of ddC with AZT works much better than any conventional treatment. Because of the small number of patients, it could be argued that the benefits seen might conceivably have been due to chance. But both the size and the consistency of the results makes this possibility unlikely.

Why doesn't the FDA just approve ddC? Over a year ago, a formal petition to the FDA by organizations representing almost all HIV physicians in San Francisco urged that the available data for ddC (and ddI, since approved) both be evaluated for possible approval. The reason for reluctance is that the FDA would have to base approval largely on ACTG 106—but the Agency wants much more data than that before approving a drug. The FDA usually demands more than one study, larger studies, and studies designed in advance to test drug efficacy.

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How American Is American?

Celebrating Olympic Gold And Remembering American Shame

COMMENTARY BY VAL C. PHOENIX

Watching the triumph of Kristi Yamaguchi, Fremont's native daughter, in Olympic figure skating, I was struck by a little commented-on coincidence. As Kristi skated for Olympic gold, competing against Midori Ito of Japan, California quietly marked the 50th anniversary of the internment of Japanese and Japanese Americans during the Second World War. Under Executive Order 9066, issued by President Roosevelt on Feb. 19, 1942, all "persons of Japanese ancestry, alien and non-alien," were subject to removal to camps for the duration of the war. Among them were Kristi Yamaguchi's grandparents and parents. Her mother was born in the camps. One sportscaster mentioned in passing early on in the Games that members of Kristi's family had been interned during the war, but that "they don't like to talk about that."

Indeed not. The Yamaguchis probably don't wish to distinguish themselves from their neighbors—even if their neighbors can't conceive of being dragged from their homes and forcibly detained for the crime of being considered interchangeable with the enemy. In the intervening years memories fade, and people try to forget and fit in. Assimilation is a powerful force. The irony of Kristi, a fourth generation Japanese American emerging in 1992 as an American champion, is quite profound.

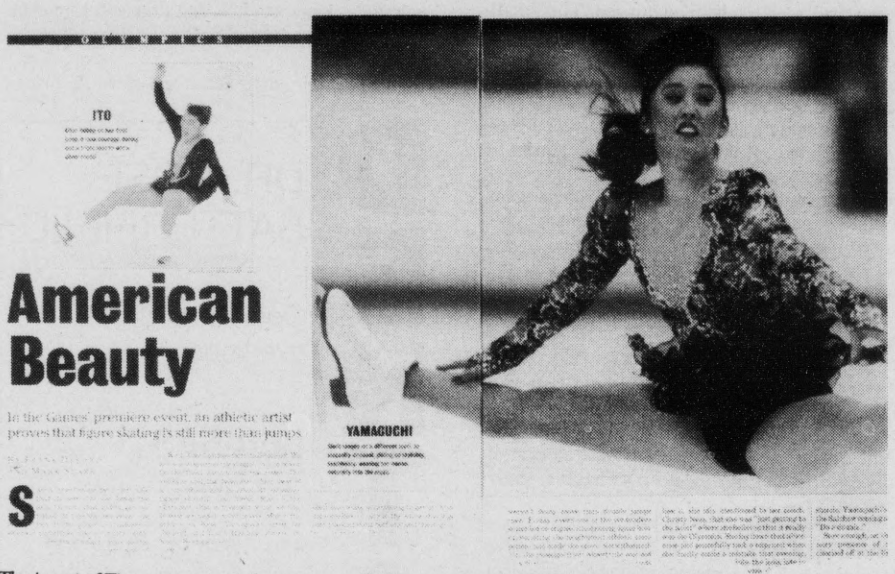
Certainly, nothing brings out American nationalism like the Olympics. Suddenly everything's red, white and blue, and everyone's a patriot. An athletic competition becomes a referendum on political power. Remember the 1980 American hockey team? Kristi herself engaged in some star-spangled hoopla during her exhibition program, skating to "Yankee Doodle Dandy." I cringed.

My grandfather was one of those interned during World War II. He was and is a Japanese national who was doing business in New York. The FBI didn't wait for the Executive Order, but arrested him on Dec. 7, 1941. With no evidence he was in the service of the Japanese government, he was sent to a prison camp on Long Island. Eventually, he was exchanged as a prisoner of war and sent back to Japan in 1943. While in the camps, he began making charcoal sketches of what he saw and eventually became a watercolor artist. After the war, he was one of the first in Japan to apply for a visa and returned to the United States for good.

I talked to him about all this a few years ago, about the time I was studying Constitutional Law in college. Full of righteous indignation at this violation of the promise of America where everybody is equal and protected, blah, blah, blah, I said, "But that was unconstitutional. You had rights. Aren't you angry about it?" He replied simply, "There was a war on." There was a war, so certain people couldn't expect to have their rights protected. Oh, I understand. He preferred not to talk about it, but merely to live out his days in his chosen country. He's probably a better American than I am.

So, based on what I know of my grandfather's experience, I guess I understand the Yamaguchi family's reticence to discuss that chapter in their lives, but what about the rest of us? This wasn't some one-time aberration in U.S. history. U.S.-Japanese relations have become a pitched battle, with racist declarations flying back and forth. The Japanese are "taking over" American industries. The United States is being "held back" by its Black workers. And so on... The battle is cloaked by economic competition, but the underlying issue is otherness. East vs. West. Them vs. Us. Right vs. Wrong.

As I watched Kristi Yamaguchi's flag-waving neighbors on TV, I wondered what they were thinking, these "average Americans" cheering on their hometown girl. Given a chance, how many of them would vote for Pat Buchanan or David Duke? Did they "buy American?" What did they think about Midori Ito? In their eyes, in the eyes of America, was she merely an athletic rival or the enemy? Did they care Kristi was of Japanese descent? Or was she OK because she's an *American*? How American is American?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YAMAGUCHI

The irony of Time magazine's layout was all too apparent, with Kristi Yamaguchi's Olympic win coming on the 50th anniversary of the U.S. internment of Japanese Americans in concentration camps.

Every time the international climate becomes destabilized, talk surfaces about establishing camps for some ethnic population perceived to be disloyal, i.e., "bad Americans." It happened in the '80s when the United States was in a mini Cold War with Iran. Oliver North had drawn up a plan to suspend the Constitution and declare martial law in the event of war. Last year, when the United States was at war with Iraq, the FBI came calling on Iraqis living in the United States *All* Arabs were under suspicion and subject to violence.

It worries me that some Americans are fond of comparing Saddam Hussein to Hitler without even questioning that the United States is all too ready to pack its undesirables off to camps as well. And who would be undesirable? People of color, political radicals, Jews, queers. Yes, it could happen here. It *has* happened here.

Fifty years after internment began, Japanese and Japanese Americans fear a rising backlash, which can be seen in vandalism, hate mail and violence, set against a backdrop of jingoistic posturing by American businesses. Recently, a Japanese businessman was murdered near Los Angeles two weeks after receiving anti-Japanese death threats. In the Bay Area, anti-Japanese bias incidents rose after the anniversary of Pearl Harbor and after Pres. Bush's trip to Japan. Japanese Americans, a mere 1.66 percent of San Francisco's population, bear the brunt of this anger. What are people afraid of?

I pondered all this while I watched Yamaguchi and Ito accept their medals at this first "post-Cold War" Olympics—the one the American media crowed was without an enemy. The two skaters shook hands and smiled, and then the three medalists turned to watch the flags being raised, as the American national anthem was played. In the stands, the Yamaguchis mouthed the words to their anthem. In Fremont and across the United States millions cheered.

Still, I wondered. What were they applauding? Athletic prowess or something else?

International Women's Day
A Month-Long Celebration

International Women's Day, March 8, will be marked this year with a host of entertaining and politically charged events. Besides the annual march and demonstration, falling on March 7 this year, a concert series leading up to and following the day ensures that consciousness of women's rights will have a high profile this month.

The month of March has been adopted as Women's History Month, but the focus is on International Women's Day, first commemorated in 1908 by socialists supporting demands for women's suffrage. The dates celebrated varied, but March 8 gradually emerged as *the* designated day.

The labor trappings were effectively stripped away by the U.S. government recognizing International Women's Week in 1982, but many still celebrate the struggle implicit in the day. This year, in fact, the theme is "500 Years of Resistance Through Women's Eyes." Jennifer Cohen, a member of the International Women's Day Committee which is a co-sponsor of the march, says the theme was chosen to express solidarity with the resistance of indigenous peoples in the United States to colonialism. "We took the theme and created a march from it."

EVENTS

On March 7, the IWD demonstration begins at Justin Herman Plaza at 1 pm with a rally. The march has "an anti-Columbus theme," says organizer Terri Massin. The route has been chosen to showcase various oppressive aspects of the U.S. system. Marchers will pass by the INS, for instance, and march a good way along Columbus Avenue, before arriving at Aquatic Park, which is being targeted since it will be used in October to commemorate Columbus' arrival. Alcatraz, site of the American Indian Movement standoff from late 1969 to 1971, is also visible from Aquatic Park. The demonstration will close with a rally. For information on child care or the mobility assistance van, call (415) 995-4735.

Rock Against Racism and Voices for Choice will sponsor some 70 far-flung performances in support of reproductive freedom and women's rights in general. Simultaneous shows are happening across the United States, as well as in Norway and San Jose, Costa Rica. Fat Dog, of Rock Against Racism, says the group hopes to register young women voters in preparation for the upcoming electoral wars over reproductive freedoms. Some of the shows are listed below, but call RAR at (415) 267-3171 for a full listing.

The RAR/VFC events kick off with a poster release party and the opening of the World Art Wave

exhibition of work by Elly Simmons on Feb. 28, 6-10 pm, at Cleo's Cafe and Gallery, 698 Haight.

March 1 is the date for Women as a Force for Social Change: A Bay Area Jewish Women's Conference at Golden Gate University (415-512-6277). Wednesday, March 4, finds lesbian author Sara Levi Calderon in a bilingual reading at La Pena (510-849-2572).

March 6 brings a choice among Altazor at La Pena (510-849-2572), Penelope Houston and Barbara Manning at the Starry Plough (510-841-2082), or "Wild Women Don't Have the Blues," classic women's blues with Barbara Dane, Mary Watkins and others, at the Coffee Mill at 3363 Grand Ave. in Oakland at 7:30, with a $10 admission. Dane, who's been performing since 1946, says International Women's Day "is a great holiday. It needs to be celebrated more widely." In San Francisco on the same day, CISPES is bringing FMLN organizer Rebeca Palacios to the Women's Building to speak on the peace accords in El Salvador (415-648-8222). Rodney O'Neal Austin performs "I Could Rip Your Lips Off" at the Lab, 1807 Divisadero, SF on March 6 and 7 at 8 pm. Admission is $4 ($3 students).

On March 7, besides the march, you have your choice of Little Women and New Potato Caboose at the I-Beam (415-668-6023), or "Amazons Arising: Poetry by Women," happening at the Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St., at 7:30 pm. Performing will be Julia Vinograd, Cynthia Lloyd, Amy Kashiwabara, Nancy Depper, and Mira Ingram. Ingram, a lesbian, organized the performance and says "women need things centered around women's issues." A donation of $5-10 is requested, with proceeds going to Asian American Women Artists' Alliance.

March 8, the big day, brings the opening of an exhibit at Mission Cultural Center, "500 Years of Resistance Through Women's Eyes," which will run through April 4 (415-821-1155). Linda Wilson, one of the five curators of the exhibit, sees it as "a celebration of International Women's Day and also a...memorial for 500 years [since] the arrival/invasion of Columbus. We wanted to show this 500 years being remembered through the vision of women artists." Seventy-eight women artists are represented, including muralist Juana Alicia, painter Jean LaMarr, and master paper cutter Hermania Barragan Romero. A reception will be held from 1 to 3 pm at the Center on March 8 honoring outstanding women in the Bay Area. The honorees, who will be on hand at the reception, are Alice Walker, Deborah Santana, Ana Perla, Carol Wahpepeah, Deanna Nazzal, Elizabeth Martinez and Imelda Iraeta.

Also on that day, New College at 777 Valencia will host a Native American ritual and performance, "It's Time to Mother Earth," in the early afternoon in celebration of 500 years of resistance. New College is also the scene for another performance of "Wild Women Don't Have the Blues" at 7:30 pm ($7-10 sliding scale). Marga Gomez, Margaret Cho, Diane Amos and Karen Ripley team up for some International Women's Comedy at the Great American Music Hall (415-885-0750), while Pamela Z and Rinde Eckert are at Life on the Water (415-776-8999). The DNA Lounge at 375 11th St. in SF features the Hyperdrive Kittens, She Devils and Stone Fox. Cover is $3, with proceeds to La Casa de las Madres. Dana Jae presents United Colors of Women, with performers June and Jean Millington, Rashida Oji and others at CW, 917 Folsom (6-11 pm, $8-12 sliding). The Last Day Saloon, 406 Clement, weighs in with the bands Shambhala and Flennis and the Family Simon, starting at 7:30. Cover is $5, with a percentage to pro-choice groups. Over in Berkeley, La Pena is presenting stories and music with Luisah Teish and Melanie De More (510-849-2572).

Upcoming events include Linda Perry at the Paradise Lounge on March 11 (415-861-6906). Clandyken will do a benefit on March 12 at Ashkenaz to stop nuclear testing (510-525-5054). Marga Gomez performs at Noe Valley Ministry on March 14 (510-524-5263), going up against a women's rock bill consisting of Tribe 8, Seven Year Bitch, and Lucy Stoners at Komotion, 2779 16th St. The bands start at 9, with a cover of $5. Ferron plays solo at the Great American Music Hall March 19-21 (415-885-0750). March 21, the Palestinian Women's Association presents "Women Still Resisting: 25 Years for Palestinian Women, Centuries for All Women" 7 pm at the Women's Building. A multicultural panel will discuss women's struggles internationally (415-759-9764). Finally, on March 22, Judy Small performs at the Freight and Salvage (510-524-1091).

—Val C. Phoenix

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Queer Scouts demonstrates their support for the United Way's withdrawal of funding for the Boy Scouts, based on their refusal to admit gay youth into the organization. If you want to get involved in Queer Scouts, or any of a myriad of Queer activist groups, call the Queerline for information: (415) 985-7141.

Letters...

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munications business, KRON-TV, when KRON attacked the First Amendment rights of NAMBLA to meet in a government-provided public meeting space (''KRON Witch Hunt'' Letters, Jan. 30).

Although NAMBLA may be the most vilified and thus easily cast-out group in the gay community, GLAAD's apparent willingness to appease the powers that be raises a couple of troubling questions: First, where will GLAAD draw the line at determining which groups it thinks are part of the gay and lesbian community, and second, how will GLAAD maintain its credibility when it gives the appearance of working hand-in-glove with the very industry it is supposed to be watching?

Mark McHarry
San Francisco

RWL Defends NAMBLA

Michael Botkin's RWL-bashing NAMBLA articles (*B.A.R.*, Jan. 30) will not stop the RWL (Revolutionary Workers Party) from defending NAMBLA against KRON's witch hunt. Botkin's description of the RWL as ''Trotskyist opportunists'' is simply anti-Communist.

RWL supporters made a serious effort to win support for NAMBLA's press conference, including raising the issue in ACT UP/San Francisco. The RWL also urged other left groups, as well as individual activists in the lesbian and gay communities, to defend NAMBLA.

The real opportunists are misleaders such as Roberta Achtenberg, who gave support to KRON's anti-gay NAMBLA series. Achtenberg appeared on KRON and declared, ''NAMBLA is an organization of child molesters.'' Of course, Achtenberg thought that five political leaflets pasted on her driveway constituted ''violence'' against her child.

NAMBLA was founded to defend gay men and their teenage lovers from an anti-gay witch hunt. NAMBLA and its supporters have been hounded by the cops because NAMBLA opposes the reactionary age of consent laws. These laws were designed not to protect children from abuse, but to prevent young people from engaging in any kind of consensual sex. NAMBLA, which fights for the rights of gay youth to have gay sex with whomever they choose, is clearly a gay organization which deserves our support, regardless of GLAAD's cowardly declaration to the contrary.

The RWL, along with NAMBLA, opposes all sexual coercion and child abuse. NAMBLA has a stronger platform for youth liberation than any other lesbian or gay group.

The vast majority of child abuse is carried on inside the family. As the economic crisis grows, the government is dismantling even the meager, inadequate social services that currently exist. Parents are overburdened and increasingly underemployed or unemployed. Unable to cope with the pressure, they lash out at their children.

The government is unwilling and unable to offer even the minimum protection for women and youth. Women and children need economic independence, free education and health care, decent housing and child care. This social support would offer a real alternative to women and children who are forced out of economic necessity to live with abusive husbands and fathers.

The government expects family members and private charities to provide the social support it does not offer. Further, it relies on the family as a safety valve and diversion for workers' and poor people's rage at their miserable existence within the capitalist system. It's much easier for men to blame and hurt the women and children in their lives, than it is to take on the boss or the government.

However, young militants *will* take on the bosses and the government, as they did in the midst of the Black civil rights, anti-Vietnam War, women's and lesbian/gay liberation movements of the 1960s and '70s. Young militants, especially lesbian and gay militants, will not tolerate the moralism of adults who attempt to restrict their sexual freedom.

Joyce Schon
Revolutionary Workers Party
Oakland

No Contributions to BSA

Instead of money, the following letter was sent to Mr. Richard G. Landis, Planned Giving Committee, Boy Scouts of America, SF Bay Council, Oakland:

I am not able to respond positively to your recent solicitation to Eagle Scouts on behalf of Bay Area Council's Endowment Trust Fund.

As you may be aware, the Boy Scouts of America is committed to a policy of anti-gay discrimination and has demonstrated it will spend considerable resources to preserve and implement that policy.

As I may fondly recall ten years spent in scouting and feel pride in earning the rank of Eagle, I will not support an organizaton that attacks the moral character of homosexual citizens or exercises ''separate but equal'' programs that would imply that gay people are second-class citizens.

In the case of BSA, it's even more reprehensible given the authority scouting has acquired as a teacher and arbitrator of civic values. Instead, the civic importance of scouting is suspect as it continues violating a growing community standard that affirms the equal and dignified participation of gay citizens in all walks of life.

I recall the awkwardness with which my Boy Scout troop integrated our Black members in the mid-'60s, and I have every hope that someday soon Boy Scouts of America will teach its youth to not imitate the homophobia of their elders. Until then, I will make no contributions to BSA.

Milo F. Hanke, Jr.
Eagle Class of 1973
San Francisco

A New Queer Nation

In the last few months, it seems that everyone has been relieved that Queer Nation is off the streets. Its hiatus has been called its death. But, in the coverage of the ongoing saga of Queer Nation, the media focused on the last few meetings, and its impasse, without looking at the larger phenomenon of the group. I think that many have forgotten what this organization accomplished in its initial phase.

Queer Nation promoted the idea that it is not reasonable to be consumed by a dominant culture, but to confront and liberate ourselves from it without retreating into the ghetto. It was perhaps the first organization to actually deal with racism, sexism, classism and bigotry within our communities by providing forums and allowing people to speak their minds and feelings. It supported your right to be angry and to express it. It allowed people to say, in a collective voice, ''We're mad as hell and we're not going to take it anymore.'' Queer Nation essentially breathed life into otherwise staid and timid communities across this country with the concept that you don't have to work within the heterosupremist power structure to fight for some basic changes, you have that right any time you want it. It also promoted the public expression of our affections, anytime, anywhere. There's a lot more handholding and kissing going on outside the Castro these days.

During phase one, lasting 16 months, Queer Nation/San Francisco did more than 120 actions. The 'phobes know who we are; from the Boy Scouts of America to Amnesty International. From restaurants and bars that refuse to serve us to the mall that will only tolerate a closeted version of our presence. We are not the nice gays and lesbians they have come to expect, we are relentless in our perseverance, and their worst nightmare.

San Francisco's Queer Nation has been copied and modified in dozens of cities around the world. We have been an inspiration to people in such far-flung places as London; Athens, Ga.; Salt Lake City; Wellington, New Zealand; Sydney, Australia; and Mexico City.

What I consider most important about Queer Nation is that it provided a space for dealing with the difficult issues that no other group had done in the same way or with the same verve before. It became a democratic movement allowing time for diverse opinions about many subjects to be shared. A critical mass of activists developed and fueled ideas into creative ways to deal with our oppression. We targeted bigots, developed strategies for dealing with them and carried out those plans. Many of those actions became the first time these heterosupremists had heard a voice of protest raised against them. Many actions were entirely unique in their strategy and execution. Important too is that some of Queer Nation's focus groups have gone on to become groups on their own like Queer Scouts, Squelch, Bad Cop/No Donut, Queer Planet, LABIA and United Colors. It has even inspired other groups like Outrage, Catherine Did It and the QueerNet into ex-

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istence. This is Queer Nation's legacy so far.

To all you "old-time" members who have burned out on a too long and difficult meeting and decision-making process, give us a try in a couple of months, we plan to repackage—change the format for a third time to something more compact, less involved with endorsements and more action-oriented. To the newcomers, you are welcome to help change the shape of Queer Nation into a new direct action group and add your voice and power to our continuing liberation. We will resume the Queer Nation Wednesday, March 4, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Building, 3543 18th St., San Francisco. Call 985-7141 for more information. I hope to see you there.

Mark Duran
San Francisco

Endorse Tobacco Bans

On behalf of the Coalition of Lavender-Americans on Smoking and Health (CLASH), an organization that addresses tobacco-related hazards among lesbians and gays, I would like to urge you to endorse two pieces of legislation sponsored by Supervisor Alioto and scheduled for hearings on Feb. 20.

The first bill acknowledges the overwhelming evidence— much of it documented in the past year— that secondhand smoke is a major threat to health. This bill would require all restaurants in San Francisco to become smoke-free. This would be of special benefit to asthmatics, people with allergies or lung ailments, anyone who is immune-compromised, and the general public will also benefit by cleaning up our indoor air. Separate smoking and nonsmoking sections in the same physical space may have been a compromise on paper, but in fact, do little to protect against the dangers of secondhand smoke.

The second bill would prohibit tobacco-related advertising on City-owned property, including the Muni bus shelters and Candlestick Park. As of Jan. 1, 1992, all tobacco (and alcohol) ads were prohibited *on* Muni, acknowledging that one of the primary targets of the ad campaigns is children. To teach our kids that smoking is hazardous on the one hand, but to allow the City to sell space for glamorizing tobacco on the other, is sending a mixed message to our impressionable youth. If the ads are not allowed on the buses, let's be consistent and remove them from bus shelters.

To suggest, as some have, that tobacco-control legislation is in any way a violation of personal freedoms or a threat to lesbian and gay rights, is to trivialize the very real problems that gays and lesbians face. Like other minorities who have had to cope with everything from employment discrimination to hate-motivated beatings, we have often become dependent on substances that give us temporary respite from the stress. Like other minorities, we have been wooed by a ruthless tobacco industry that is well aware of this dynamic. According to the 1990 *San Francisco Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alcohol and Other Substance Abuse Study*, our community suffers from a rate of tobacco addiction that is 61 percent higher than that of the general population of San Francisco! These appalling statistics demonstrate that lesbians and gays have more to gain than others—not more to lose—by the passage of legislation that will foster a smoke-free environment.

While our community is appropriately sensitive to any infringement on personal rights, there is a major difference between the right to choose a partner of either gender and the "right" to poison others. Legislation that protects the public from the dangers of secondhand smoke and children from tobacco addiction, in no way encroaches on personal freedoms. On the contrary, providing the public with an environment free from carcinogens enhances everyone's freedom. Government, from federal on down, should do what it can to prevent the premature deaths of its citizens from exposure to a consumer product that is a known killer.

Naphtali Offen
Coalition of Lavender-Americans on Smoking and Health
San Francisco

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Lisa Rudman takes a whack at the Tele Wilson Pinata at a WHAM (Women's Health Action Mobilization) demo on Feb. 21 at the State Building. The noon-time rally drew over 200 women to protest the governor's across-the-board attack on women's health and welfare concerns.

ACT UP & Needle Exchange

In his article about needle exchange in the Jan. 30, 1992 issue ("City Politicians Discover Needle Exchange—Three Years After the Fact"), Tim Kingston has performed a grave disservice to this important public health issue. By choosing to produce an article that is distorted with inaccuracies and omissions, Mr. Kingston has misrepresented the events and effort which have taken place around needle exchange during the past eight months, and his assertion that "no one can say for sure why the issue of needle exchange has achieved critical mass" can only be described as, at best, disingenuous.

In discussing the shifting political tides around needle exchange wherein "new converts" join so-called longterm advocates, there is no mention of AIDS activists, specifically ACT UP (both San Francisco and Golden Gate). To refresh Mr. Kingston's memory, and provide a necessary perspective on the recent activity in City Hall, we would like to document our advocacy for and other participation in work supporting needle exchange.

From its inception in late 1988 (not, as Mr. Kingston writes, 1989), Prevention Point has been the beneficiary of fundraising undertaken by ACT UP/SF specifically for the purpose of purchasing new syringes. To date, ACT UP has provided in excess of $10,000 to Prevention Point.

Members of ACT UP participated in the Needle Exchange Task Force, convened in 1989 for the purpose of creating a sanctioned and publicly funded needle exchange program. ACT UP also staged an action at the Health Commission in 1989 preceding that body's first vote on the issue.

In July 1989, a committee was formed within ACT UP to address and advocate for the issues of injection drug users, including needle exchange. A demonstration led by this group in August 1990, played a role in preventing the significant reduction of methadone treatment services at San Francisco General Hospital. This committee also staged an action at the February 1991 conference of the American Society of Addictive Medicine, demanding that substance abuse treatment professionals recognize the importance of HIV prevention.

In June 1991, former Mayor Art Agnos was the target of a 30-day campaign demanding that the City sanction and fund needle exchange, by emergency action if necessary. A postcard campaign directed at Agnos demonstrated appreciable city-wide support for such action. On June 19, members of ACT UP/SF conducted a needle exchange action in City Hall demanding immediate and aggressive actions to sanction and provide funding for needle exchange. Agnos refused to acknowledge or otherwise deal with the activists present on that occasion; in a parallel action, ACT UP occupied the office of Raymond Baxter, director of the City's public health department. Baxter subsequently met with members of ACT UP to discuss his efforts to produce a comprehensive plan for dealing with substance abuse issues, including needle exchange. When Agnos appeared in the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade at the end of June, ACT UP was present to confront Agnos on his failure to transcend lip service in support of legal needle exchange while also demanding that the lesbian and gay community embrace the issue of HIV prevention among injection drug users. The negative political fallout from this action was not insignificant for ACT UP, which was widely condemned in the lesbian/gay press for the parade action.

In August 1991, Dr. Molly Joel Coye, director

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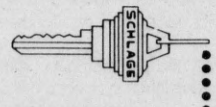

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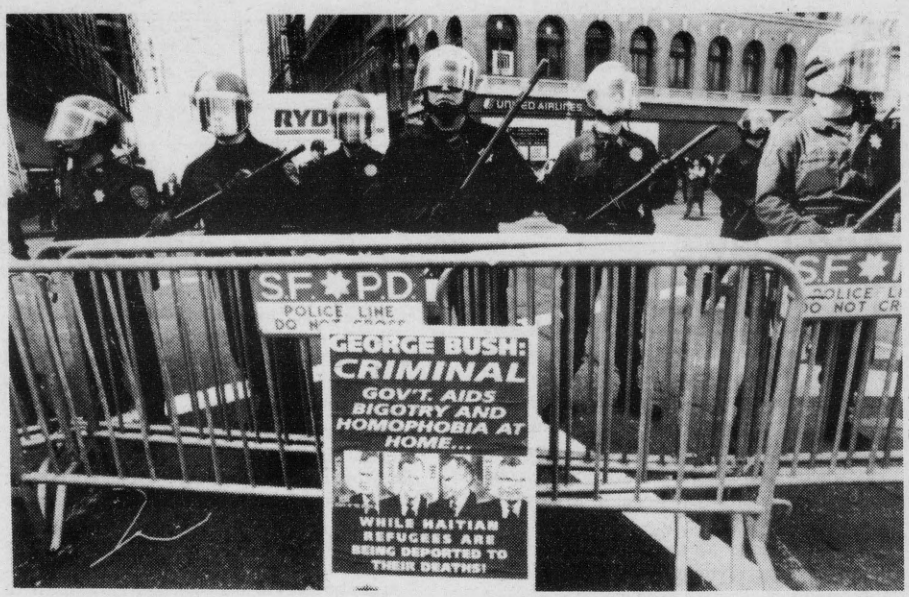
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President George Bush got the greeting that he deserved when he came to San Francisco on Feb. 25 for a $1,000 a plate luncheon fundraiser at the St. Francis Hotel. Over 1,500 assorted demonstrators appeared to protest the President's temerity for showing up in enemy territory just to prove once more that he is not a "wimp." But it was ACT UP that got closest to tagging him, with 18 arrests and a covert action launched from inside the hotel.

At 1 pm the vengeful crowd howled as several bags of blood-red liquid soared out over the demonstrators, splattering the pavement and police. Nanoseconds later a dreadful rattling of the barricades announced an attempt by six activists from ACT UP/San Francisco and Golden Gate to make a wild dash for the doorway of the hotel—but they were brought down by a donut-fueled frenzy of officers in blue.

Meanwhile, chaos ensued in the plush inner sanctum of the St. Francis. Ryan Kahl of ACT UP/SF says that the activists first tried to get into the press entrance of the conference room where Bush would be speaking and were rebuffed. Kahn and Rebecca Hensler, ACT UP/SF, raced up the stairs to try and put up a banner demanding universal health care, which was torn down seconds later. "We handcuffed ourselves to the bannister. We were trying to block people from getting in." But Kahn says, "They had wirecutters and we were tackled by Republican pinheads."

Outside the hotel the irate crowd surged up and down the block searching for a way to get to the President. Demonstrators castigated Bush's policies on AIDS, Central America, and the Gulf War. But more than that, the crowd seethed with a sense of palpable hatred, on the heels of a decade-plus of the AIDS epidemic and a dozen years of Republican hegemony.

But it is not just AIDS activists or other progressive types that are angry. Joseph Turturica says he is a nice, straight, ex-military, middle class man who has been screwed by Bush. Formerly homeless and now unemployed, Turturica says, "I voted for him, which was a mistake.... I have had a few friends die of AIDS. I can't find a job; foraging for food... takes it out of you." But he showed up for his first-ever demonstration, saying, "I am trying to add my individual effort to the greater effort. Hopefully I can make a difference."

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of the state health department, met with AIDS activists from throughout the state. Members of ACT UP/SF brought the issue of needle exchange to her attention, requested a follow-up meeting and initiated a postcard campaign demanding that Dr. Coye exercise the full powers of her position to move the issue forward at the state level. Subsequently, Dr. Coye met with members of ACT UP, Prevention Point, and representatives of the Black Coalition on AIDS, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Bayview-Hunters Point Foundation, the San Francisco Department of Public Health, and others, at which time she stated her willingness to take on the issue. She also informed ACT UP that she had received more than 1,000 postcards from throughout the state.

In September 1991, State Senator Quentin Kopp was the target of another postcard campaign, aimed at persuading him to reconsider his opposition to needle exchange, which he had opposed in the State Senate when a bill offered by Senator Diane Watson sought to sanction a pilot needle exchange program for San Francisco. Kopp was further targeted in an ACT UP demonstration at his house on World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, 1991.

Kopp's opposition to the issue and indifference to ensuing HIV infections among injection drug users was instrumental in Billy Bragg's decision to make a pitch from the stage during his Dec. 12 concert, encouraging his audience to support ACT UP and Prevention Point by donating money. This effort raised $3,000 for the purchase of new syringes.

Following his election as Mayor, Frank Jordan was contacted by ACT UP with the demand that he meet with our members within 10 days of taking office to discuss needle exchange and what he intended to do about the issue. The Jan. 17 meeting, convened by ACT UP/SF, was attended by a diverse coalition including members of Prevention Point, the Black Coalition on AIDS, African American Agenda, National Lawyer's Guild, Urban Health Study, the Latino AIDS Coalition and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

Finally, ACT UP is part of a coalition of individuals and groups who will be working for the passage of new legislation by Senator Watson and House Speaker Willie Brown to establish a pilot needle exchange program in San Francisco and possibly other California cities.

That Mr. Kingston chose not to mention ACT UP's considerable history in moving needle exchange to the forefront of mainstream political interest, instead implying that in some mysterious way the issue had taken on a life of its own, is a curious omission by a journalist who has covered the issue for some time and is fully aware of the contribution made by AIDS activists, many of whom have been his sources for information in his previous stories on the issue.

Needle Exchange Working Group
ACT UP/San Francisco

Tim Kingston Replies: My profoundest apologies. I was mistaken. I was obviously under the inaccurate impression that Prevention Point volunteers created and operated San Francisco's needle exchange program for the past three years, when in fact the crucial player in the entire endeavor was ACT UP/SF.

Indeed, it is true that ACT UP/SF offered significant fiscal assistance to Prevention Point, and I was not aware of the precise dollar figure donated ($10,000), because Prevention Point has not been in the habit of revealing the sources of their funding. That should be no surprise, because needle exchange is illegal. Given that the annual cost of running the program is significantly more than $10,000—estimated this year at $50,000 —one wonders where the rest of the money could have come from—surely not in part from the much-maligned former Agnos administration so despised by ACT UP/SF.

It is true that other groups were equally critical to the success of Prevention Point that were only briefly mentioned in the article—AmFAR, the SF AIDS Foundation, the SF Dept. of Public Health and the Black Coalition on AIDS. In addition, a group of clients organized fundraisers held at the Stud and the End Up which raised about $3,000 for Prevention Point.

ACT UP/SF's contribution has indeed been significant and in some cases viewed by Prevention Point as excessive. Last year, Prevention Point held a meeting with ACT UP/SF, where ACT UP/SF was specifically requested to chill out on some of its more vocal campaigns around needle exchange or to, at the very least, inform Prevention Point when there was going to be an action, which in some instances had not happened. That meeting was held because needle exchange volunteers were concerned ACT UP's activities could jeopardize the very existence of the entire program.

The occupation of Baxters's office was taken without consultation with Prevention Point. The protest during the parade gave the impression that those who supported ACT UP cheered because they supported the group *and* needle exchange, while those who were offended were irritated at ACT UP, period, and were not particularly cognizant of what the particular demand was that day. According to sources in City Hall and elsewhere, the action at Quentin Kopp's house was counterproductive, bolstering Kopp's well-known intransigence on the issue.

In fact, the entire tone of ACT UP/SF's response is reminiscent of Prevention Point's complaints. ACT UP/SF took on needle exchange and acted in a high-handed and condescending manner, and did not bother to check with the people actually doing the work.

Finally, the article was about NEEDLE EXCHANGE and the people who do it, those who are out on the streets every week. I find it a "curious omission" that ACT UP/SF seems more concerned with nailing a place down in history and scoring political points than recognizing the efforts of those who have stood on windy street corners handing out needles. Those volunteers include members of ACT UP/SF, pagans, witches, drug researchers, unaffiliated activists, former prevention point clients and other former injection drug users. Their contribution was not mentioned either.

(Speaking of political points: does ACT UP/SF seriously think it is responsible for promoting the intense bandwagon-jumping of both the Alioto and Jordan campaigns?)

Incidentally, I do stand corrected. Prevention Point did begin in late 1988, not early 1989. Thanks for the fraternal critique, support and recognition. I'm sure Prevention Point appreciates it too.

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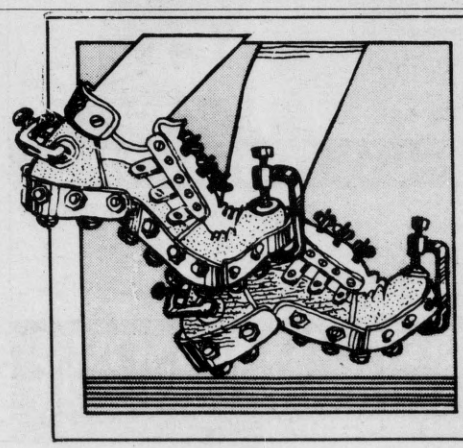
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Maturity, Restraint And Claws

It's a Dorothy Parker kind of week. Keep your claws sheathed, but at the ready. Mars is semi-sextile the Sun, giving a boost of energy, but with Mars in Aquarius and the Sun in Pisces it will be very hard to give that energy appropriate direction and focus. As we leap from February to March, both planets are aspecting Jupiter in Virgo, stirring up all sorts of clever insights about all that energy and where to put it. More clever than helpful, alas.

At the same time, Mercury is in Pisces trine to Pluto, making everything you say feel so dreadfully important. This is a good week for research projects, intense study and verbal evisceration. Think before you open your mouth and be careful where you aim that thing.

Saturn conjunct Venus should lend a bit of restraint, but they're in Aquarius so don't count on it. Maturity and restraint (or restraints!) will look especially attractive through this week. Stay serene and beautiful by quietly looking too sensible to get involved in the madness. If anybody tells you "Age before beauty," the answer is, "Pearls before swine."

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: Your insight is now so sharp you could perform surgery with some of your observations. An anusectomy may seem in order, and heaven knows there is a surplus of assholes that could be removed from your life right now. The challenge for you is to practice some political subtlety and maintain a semblance of balance. Charitable effort in a cause you believe in will help you to be charitable where it is more a matter of necessity than true charity. Keep a sense of humor at work. Otherwise it can get easily overwhelming.

TAURUS: Hard work can pay off right now, and your friends are full of advice about how to make the most of it. That's not all they're full of. Yes, good intentions, but you know where those can lead! Work is taking a lot of energy and seems to be going in an uncertain direction. You're easily tempted to act out in quirky ways when directions seem muddled. Better to ask for clarification. Relations with superiors need adjustment. Burning off energy with friends can be helpful, but keep work and play separate. Generally better known for your gentle camaraderie, you are now—briefly—the queen of the riposte. But when your ammo runs out, be prepared for a return volley!

GEMINI: Home offers comfort and opportunities, but there is also a powerful draw into the outer world. Adventures beckon in weird, quirky ways that will challenge your intellect. Resist any temptations to argue! You'll quickly end up over your head, and all your famous fast thinking will be trapped on a rhetorical treadmill where your usually reliable logic will be overcome by your passions. You're also getting noticed at work, both for your energy and your wit. You could be overdoing either. You're taking charge easily these days, but not necessarily appropriately. You have the right ideas, all right, but be careful how you share them. Your enthusiasm is a double-edged sword. Use it carefully! Burning off energy at novel amusements or in classes will help you to stay focused at work.

CANCER: Whatever you do, stay out of arguments. It will not be at all easy, but keep in mind the old story of Br'er Rabbit and the Tar Baby. You're in the mood to enjoy a good battle of wits, but remain a spectator. Your mind is as sharp as ever, and you can learn a lot by listening in on a good debate. If you must get drawn in, be careful not to lead with your passions. Your feelings and ideals are even stronger than your logic—now as ever, but they are all extraordinarily powerful right now. Alas, your reasoning capacities, even at their current peak, are no match for your dedicated heart, which will win the internal battles and lose the external war. This is a wonderful time for intellectual and erotic adventures. At the very least, curl up with a good book at bedtime and keep out of any trouble.

LEO: This is a wonderful time to design a dungeon or to plan your room out as an exotic seraglio. It's a lousy time to shop for the necessary additions. Your spending power feels formidable. Think again, Kitty-cat. Impulse spending is especially dangerous now. A partner, either in love or business, has some investment ideas that are hard to resist, but do indeed resist. A lover especially will be hard to refuse, but surely you can find other ways to affirm your affection. It's all too easy to get into fights or worries about money right now. Sit on what you have. Spend carefully, but don't worry. Things are real good in the long run. Right now is just a lousy time to act on finances.

VIRGO: You're in a year of golden opportunities, but right now it may all seem far too much to handle. Work is taking up a lot of energy and can make you really bitchy or worn out. Take a little time to restructure your time and energy more effectively. You may indeed have taken on too much, but it looks more like a simple matter of logistical management. You're also lucky in love right now—as if you have the time! If your lover feels neglected, at the very least keep communications clear and assure your darling that you do want to spend more time together, but duty calls. Make a promise to have time together and keep it! False promises, no matter how well intentioned, would spell utter disaster.

LIBRA: It's time for you, dear social butterfly, to hide back in your cocoon. Minor health complaints could be coming up, or just a need to retreat and take care of yourself psychically. This is a wonderful time for fasting, herbal enemas and high colonics. I'm sorry, but that really is what the stars say right now! Ever-tasteful as you are, you will need seclusion for all that. In your quiet retreat you have an excellent opportunity to reorganize finances, do your taxes, and sharpen your computer game skills. Be very careful in your efforts to assist others at work. Your ideas are right on but your famous diplomatic skills are on vacation.

SCORPIO: You can have tremendous fun this week and next, but please be nice about it! I've been telling people for years that Scorpios aren't really so vicious. They're just beginning to believe me so don't blow it! This is a wonderful week to find a "Daddy," but you're not in a mood to play "boy" and there are laws about playing Lizzy Borden. Fortunately there are others just as twisted as you and delicious to play with. They're mostly Pisces. Arguments are likely on the home front. You can win them easily, but you'll be better off in the long run if you make some conciliatory adjustments.

SAGITTARIUS: Watch what you say. Everyone else will. Your usual good humor can pick up a nasty streak these days and cause harm without intent. Some old resentments are coming to the fore and you're likely to blurt out things you'd rather leave unsaid. You can also lash out at innocent victims when your wrath is much deserved elsewhere. People in authority—perhaps not so innocent, are likely targets for your tongue—which is now far too fast for your brain. You can control yourself (if indeed anyone can!) but it will take some slow, careful effort. Before you go into any situation with others, take a slow, deep breath and be very clear on anything that may be troubling you. Your rapid wit can serve you well if you're very careful how you apply it.

CAPRICORN: Financial questions seem to have you on quite a seesaw these days. On the one hand you want to be shrewd and conservative; on the other, wild and wonderful opportunities seem to beckon. Trust your conservative instincts. Ask yourself what would grandmother do. The answer will at least be helpful even if you'd do something entirely different. You may ask for advice, and certainly some will be offered. Take the advice graciously, but you probably don't want to act on it. Some of it may be worth considering as you formulate a third option. Deeply probing metaphysical discussions are especially enjoyable these days and perhaps even helpful in this and other matters. Your own advice is very helpful, but only when it's asked for!

AQUARIUS: Thank G-d you like a challenge! The biggest challenge right now is to measure your energy so you don't run yourself into the ground. With some careful pacing you can accomplish a great deal this week. The stars show you working very hard, but with every chance to enjoy your work. Money is also good right now, but easy does it! Too much of a good thing can cause major burn out. There are also great opportunities to play; you are looking as sexy as ever. Don't hide the gray hairs or wrinkles. They're helping you to look delicious-

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THE SAN FRANCISCO
BAY TIMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

COMING UP!

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FEB 27 / T H U

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

"Sri Aurobindo," the last lecture in Robert McDermott's "Modern Spiritual Masters" lecture series. Topics covered include Aurobindo Ghose; evolution of consciousness; the Mother, synthesis of yoga, karma & rebirth; the coming spiritual age; Sri Aurobindo Ashram & Auroville. 7-9 pm. Info: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

***Grandmother Moon* Celebration** at Gifts of the Goddess: An eve in celebration of Z Budapest's new book, *Grandmother Moon.* Ceremony, readings, booksigning & tarot readings by Z, 5-7 pm, $3-8 SL, or free with book purchase. Gifts of the Goddess, 973 Valencia St, SF. Info: 647-8406.

Food Not Bombs, a consensus-run group that feeds hungry people daily, providing health & social justice info along with hot meals, seeks new members, kitchens for cooking, driver (vehicles provided), cooks & servers. Ongoing Thurs eve mtgs, for details call 330-5030.

The Salon Series at SFAI opens with "The Artist As Anthropologist," featuring artist Millie Wilson, whose work centers on issues of women & lesbian "otherness," and artist Lewis deSoto, who explores aspects of Native American culture. 7 pm. SF Art Institute, 800 Chestnut St, SF. Info: 771-7020.

David Weissman Justifies Himself: Frameline's ongoing program of monthly screenings at the Eye Gallery. Weissman, director of *Beauties Without a Cause* and *Complaints,* gives an intro to several of his films & discusses his choice of subjects & style of work. Doors open at 7 pm, program starts at 7:30. $5. Info: 861-5245. 1151 Mission St, SF.

Video Party/Guatemalan-Mayan New Year Celebration at La Pena: Celebrate publication of John Curl's book, *Columbus in the Bay of Pigs*. Music, author's reading, plus screening of *The Columbus Invasion* video. 7:30 pm, $2-10. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

Reading by Arte Publico Writers at Black Oak Books: Victor Vilasenor reads from *Rain of Gold*, his story of Mexican American life. Alejandro Morales reads from *The Rag Doll Plagues,* a part historical, part futuristic novel detailing the ravages of plagues from the disease-infested New World capital following the collapse of the Aztec civilization to a Southern Californa Chicano doctor battling AIDS, to a future technocratic society known as Lamex, a confederation of what was formerly California & Mexico. Elias Miguel Munoz reads from *The Greatest Performance,* about two soulmates living on the margins of family, country & sexual identity, an intense, poetic novel of exile. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap meets 7-9:30 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: "Coming Out Stories" Come share yours! All women are welcome. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

Sir David Attenborough, zoologist & host of the BBC's natural science programs, speaks at Herbst Theatre, SF as part of City Arts & Lectures' 2nd Annual Calif Academy of Sciences Conversations & Readings lecture series. 8 pm, $14 & $12. Info: 392-4400.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit," at Josie's Cabaret. Hot on the heels of their hit show, "Fierce Love: Stories from Black Gay Life," this SF-based performance group of Black gay men return with a fresh crop of stories about Black gay life. Plays Wed-Sun at 8 pm, thru 3/8. Tix $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

***Cebu* at Modern Times:** Author Peter Bacho reads from his novel *Cebu*, the story of an American- born Filipino priest who travels to the Phillipines to bury his mother & finds himself in circumstances that challenge his faith. A profoundly unsettling look at a cycle of violence, revenge & martyrdom starting in Cebu City during the Japanese occupation & moving to the immigrant community in Seattle. 8 pm, free. Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Thulani Davis reads from her powerful first novel, *1959*. The book tells the story of Willie Tarrant, who comes of age in a world on the brink of change. 8 pm. Part of Cody's Books celebration of Black History Month. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

At the I-Beam tonight: *The Dinosaurs* with Papa John Creach. Two sets! $10 adv, $12 at door. Info: 668-6006. 1748 Haight St, SF.

FEB 28 / F R I

TGIF with Southbay BACW: Celebrate the end of the week with Bay Area Career Women at Selections, 1984 Old Oakland Rd, San Jose. 5:30-9 pm, $4. Picture ID required.

Grave's Disease (hyperthyroidism) Support Group meets 6:30 pm at West Berkeley Public Library, 1125 University Ave nr San Pablo. Free. For details call (510) 540-8640.

Gay Film Historian Daniel Magin presents "Psycho Killers & Twisted Sisters," a clip/commentary presentation on gays & lesbians in film. An informative & entertaining look at a few of mainstream cinemas most enduring stereotypes—the gay man as psychopathic killer & the lesbian as predator. Features clips from American movies circa 1930-1991 predominantly, but also includes some scenes from Chinese, German, Italian, French & British films. 8 pm at Pacific Film Archive, University Art Museum, 2625 Durant Ave Berkeley. Program repeats tmw at 7 & 9:30 pm at Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St, SF. Tix $5.50 gen'l, $4.50 UC stdnts, $3 srs & kids, at Pacific Film Archive (510) 642-1412; $7.50 at the Roxie (415) 863-1087. Roxie screenings benefit the Frameline Completion Fund.

Sexual Experience & Sexual Counseling: Eastern & Western Perspectives: A wkshop with Harrison Voigt. Meets the human sexuality training requirement for eligibility/renewal of the MFCC, LCSW & psychology licenses in Calif. Eastern & western paradigms are used to explore personal, interpersonal & transpersonal dimensions of human sexuality. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

TGIF with Marin BACW: Celebrate the end of the week with Marin Bay Area Career Women. 7:30 pm at Bogies in San Rafael (next door to the Santa Venetia Market, across from the Civic Center). Free hors d'oeuvres. No host bar. Beer, wine & soft drinks. $6. Info: Janet 927-3865.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit," see 2/27.

Francisco Herrera & Friends in Concert at KBBK Studios, 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. 8 pm, $8. Info/res: 563-9046. Limited seating.

Gwen Avery & Friends in Concert at Josie's Cabaret: Night of fine soul, r&b & gospel, with Gwen joined by Patricia Wilder on guitar, Indir Cooke on violin, Kaye Hooper on bass guitar & Mykael Lundstedt on drums. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

AIDS in Israel Update with Robert Tufel, just returned from a year of working with the Israeli AIDS Task Force. Also see video by Lisa Ginsburg & Michal Goralsky, *Everyone Has a Name.* 15-min video includes highlights of the 1990 Israel Tour of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, with interviews of Israeli govt, health officials & citizens on AIDS. Program follows the 8:15 Shabbat service at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, 220 Danvers St at Caselli, SF.

Black Poets with Attitudes: Back at La Pena by popular demand—Five women with five (or more) ways to bring Black poetry & storytelling to the level you've only dared dream about. Don't miss Abimbola Adama, Joy Holland, Wanda Sabir, Avotcja and Beverly Jarrett. 8:30 pm, $7. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Modern Mythology at The Marsh: Laura Conway shares her rhythmic, multi-layered vision fusing myth, science & the commonplace—her "Letters to the Authorities on Why I Ate My Mother Alive," is a hilarious tour-de-force incorporating everday experiences from her 50s childhood. Paul Landry reads new work, an admixture of surrealism & direct, poetic communication, grounded in his everyday experience. 10:30 pm, $4. Part of Spoken Word Savages series at The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF.

FEB 29 / S A T

The Great SF Crystal Fair at Ft Mason Center, today thru 3/1. 6th year of this event, which features exhibits of gems, minerals, crystals, metaphysical gift items & elegant jewelry from all over the country. Spons by the Pacific Crystal Guild. Info: 383-7837.

Heather Farms/Walnut Creek Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take Rte 24 East to Hwy 680. Go north on 680, take first exit immediately on right—Ygnacio Valley Rd. Turn right onto Ygnacio & follow for approx 2 miles. At bottom of hill just past John Muir Hospital, turn left onto San Carlos Dr. Take first left, meet in parking lot in front of Swim Center. 9:30 am. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

Altered States of Consciousness: Past & Present—a seminar with Charles T Tart, Ralph Metzner, Stanley Krippner & Jeanne Achterberg. Provides a review & preview of research into altered states. Includes audience participation, experiential exercises & slide presentations. 9:30 am-5:30 pm today & tmw. Info/res: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

The Creative Artist Within: Manifesting Vision for Global Culture: wkshop with Rowena Pattee Kryder. 10 am-4:30 pm today & tmw. Focus on clear visioning techniques & reality testing for creative manifestation. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Creating & Performing Your Own Work: A 7-wk intensive workshop with Dave Ford. Saturdays 10 am-1 pm thru 4/11. For info/reg: 641-0235.

Surviving the Loss of a Relationship: A Wkshop for Lesbians. 10:30 am-3 pm, $55. Eastbay location. Info/reg: (510) 601-6445 or (510) 843-9207. Led by Carolyn S Stroebe, PhD (licensed psychologist) & Mary Butler, MA, MFCC.

S/M & Breath Release Class spons by QSM as part of their series of artistic & educational projects for the s/m community. Taught by Susan R. Wkshop shows you how to use conscious breathing to enhance all activities, including s/m play. Students pair off for guided breathing exercises. Doors open at noon, class held 12:30-4:30 pm in a private SF space. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome. Info: 550-7776.

Hortiphiles Picnic & Tour/UC Santa Cruz Arboretum. Meet at noon at the Arboretum's amphiteater. Tour begins at 1 pm. Guests & newcomers are welcome! Hortiphiles is a group for lesbian & gay plant & garden lovers. For info call Bruce 851-5655 or the Hortline 851-1022.

Cody's for Kids: Cody's celebrates Black History Month with storyteller Awele Makeba, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

Kyoko Takezawa, violinist & child prodigy, in concert at Mountainview Center for the Performing Arts' MainStage. For res/info call 903-6000.

Potluck & Dance Party to benefit BABN (Bay Area Bisexual Network) Speakers Bureau. 6-11 pm, donations cheerfully accepted. Info: Judy 923-9623.

"Reflections on the Black Gay Leadership Conference," is the topic of tonight's Black & White Men Together Rap/Social Mtg: Doors open at 6:30 pm, rap begins promptly at 7 pm. 1350 Waller St nr Haight & Masonic, SF. Calvin Lowery, facilitator; Peter Eggenberger, greeter. Refreshments served. Everyone welcome! Info: 826-BWMT.

Leap Year Day Celebration at Gifts of the Goddess: Come celebrate Women's Empowerment Day, do a ritual to reclaim sex & love as positive forces in women's lives. 7-10 pm, $7-12 SL fee. Led by Linda. 973 Valencia St, SF. Info: 647-8406.

Gay Film Historian Daniel Mangin presents "Psyco Killers & Twisted Sisters" at Roxie Cinema, see 2/28 listing for details.

Women's Wet-T Calendar Contest & Beer Bust, presented by Mr & Miss Gay San Francisco 1992. Ms January & Ms February will both be chosen tonight. Winners receive $75 prize & will be featured in the 1993 Wet-T Calendar. Entertainment with Gabriella, and others; plus door prizes & lots of fun! Emcees Lenny Broberg & Officer Betty. Proceeds benefit the Komen Foundation & the Women's Health Project of the Women's Bldg. 8-11 pm, beer bust $9. At the SF Eagle, 398 12th St, SF. See you there!

Girth & Mirth Club for chubby gay men & their admirers present their 10th "Impromptu Night" at 176-B Page St, SF. 8 pm, free. Bring your own refreshments. Info: 824-0260.

Chanticleer sings Monteverdi Vespers 1610 at Calvary Presbyterian Church, Fillmore at Jackson St, SF. 8 pm, $18 gen'l, $14 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 392-4400.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit" at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/27 listing for details.

Margie Adam in Concert at the IMA Cultural Center in Bodega. Call (707) 876-3004 for tix info.

Whatever Happened to BB Jane? Special performance of this outrageous musical tonight, to benefit Team San Francisco's entry in Gay Games IV. 8 pm, $15. Victoria Theater, 2961 16th St, SF. Info: 824-8118.

Deborah Jeanne in Concert at KBBK Studios. Night of original & traditional songs with Eastern, Mediterranean, Latin & Gypsy influences. 8 pm, $6-8. Seating limited, call 563-9046 for res/info.

Lamplighters Music Theatre presents a Pirates of Penzance Sing-A-Long, a benefit performance, for one night only. 8:30 pm, $15. Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk Blvd at Masonic, SF. Info: 752-7755.

Los Compas at La Pena: Night of salsa, son, corridos & Tex-Mex dance music. 9:30 pm, $8. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Little My, Less is More* and *Carlos!* 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with Lisa Geduldig, Sabrina Matthews & Gail Hand. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

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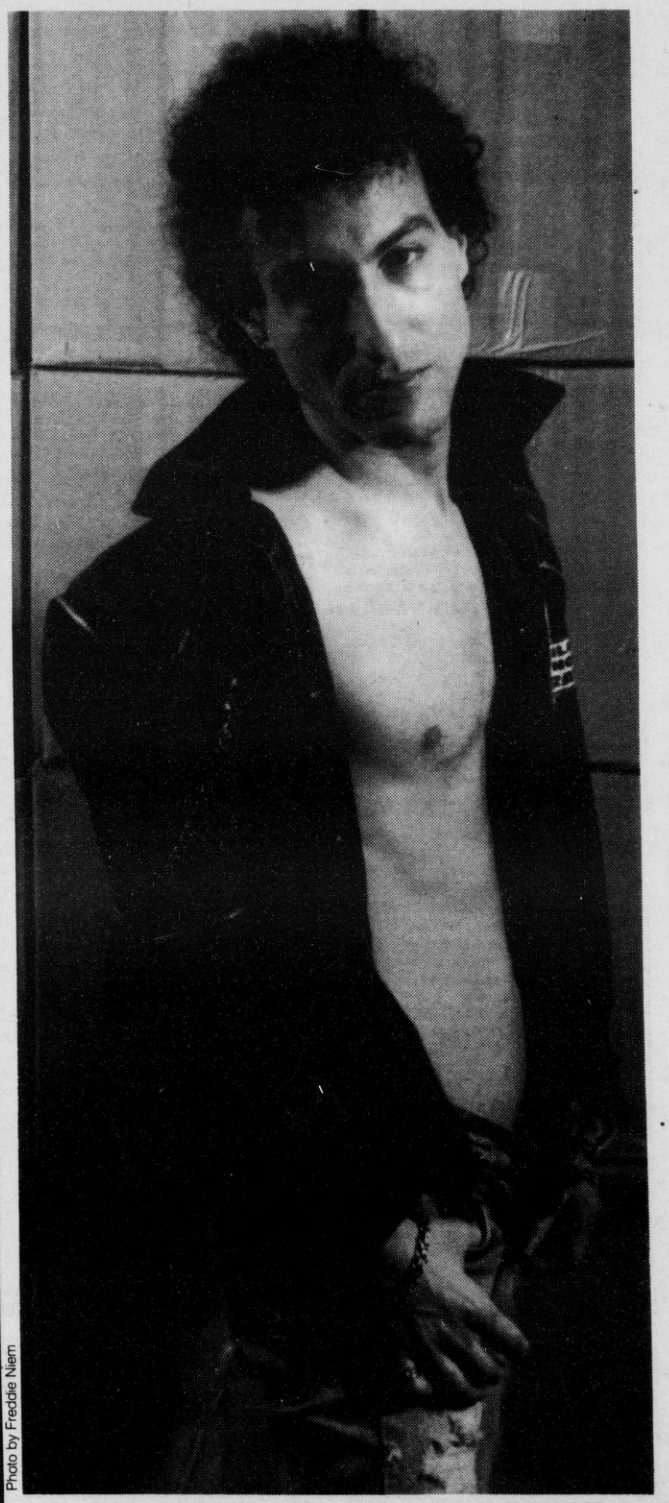
"Twice Over" premieres at Theatre Rhinoceros, opening Sat., Mar. 7. See OnStage for all details.



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"All In All I'd Rather Be Having Sex"—Tommi Avicolli Mecca brings his show to Josie's Cabaret. See Mar. 10 for info.

MAR 1 / S U N

Women As a Force for Social Change: A Bay Area Jewish Women's Conference—8:45 am-5:15 pm. Workshops on social/personal concerns, public policy, spirituality, Jewish identity. Special addresses by Israeli & American women's activists. Call 512-6277 for full program & other info. Reg $55 gen'l, $35 stdnts & low income (includes lunch, $10 less without lunch).

The Great Crystal Fair at Ft Mason, SF. Final day! See 3/29 listing for details.

Sunday Brunch with the Lesbian/Gay Social Group of the Santa Rosa Church of Religious Science. For time, location & other info, call Sue (707) 578-0901.

Hortiphiles Tour SF Orchid Society Show: Meets at noon at entrance to the Herbst Pavilion, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Lunch follows tour. Everyone welcome! Hortiphiles is a group for lesbians & gays who enjoy growing plants. Info: Hortline 851-1022.

IMA Wkshop w/June Millington on "Unlocking the Secrets of the Guitar: Techniques & Technology." 1-5 pm. Info/reg: (707) 876-3004.

Sunset Rising, group for lesbian/gay/bisexual Sunset District residents & friends spons a potluck picnic, 1-4:30 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. Bring food, drink & friends. For specific location & other info call 753-6435.

"Moscow by the Jacuzzi," a reception to honor the Int'l Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission & the Russians & Americans who participated in the first Gay/Lesbian Symposium last summer in Russia. 2-5 pm at the Watergarden, 1010 The Alameda, San Jose. Meet Russians, sample Russian cuisine, hear tales of the conference. Also raffle for free trip for 2 to LA. Tix $25, $50 & $100. Info/RSVP: (408) 293-8826.

Congressman Barney Frank at Cody's Books: Frank discusses his new book, *Speaking Frankly: What's Wrong with the Democratic Party & How to Fix It*, a provocative analysis & political manifesto looking at how the Demos lost control of the White House & sketching a bold blueprint for A Demo victory in 1992. 2-4 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, Bi Equal Rights & Liberation: General meeting this afternoon, 3 pm at New College, 766 Valencia St at 18th, SF. Come join us!

Humor Writers Wkshop spons by GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Hosted by Jon Sugar. 3 pm today & 3/8. For info/location call 731-2424.

Mardi Gras Party at El Rio with *El Grupo Sinigual. 4-8 pm, $7. Costumes encouraged! 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.*

"The Fall of Winter Concert" presented by Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers at Josie's Cabaret. New works by Peter Bellinger, Warner Jepson, John Martin, Robert Ramsay, Louis Sacriste, Greg Trice & Hugh Trutton. 5 pm, $10 gen'l, $6 srs, stdnts & disabled. Info/reg: 681-8008.

WSSM (Women Supporting SM) meets at 6 pm. Tonight's topic: Dyke Daddies. Women only. Call M for info/location: 525-9833.

Our Lady of the Tortilla, by Luis Santeiro. Story of a Hispanic family graced by the appearance of the Virgin in a tortilla. 7 pm tonight at ACT Theatre's Playroom, 450 Geary St btwn Mason & Taylor, SF, first floor; and tomorrow at Eureka Theatre, 2730 16th St, SF. $3. A LATA (Latin American Theatre Artists) production.

Exposing the FBI/Update & Music program at La Pena with speakers Judi Bari, Gloria Alonzo, Bobby Castillo, & Mujah Shakir. Music with Judi Bari & Daryl Cherney. Spons by the IWW. 7:30 pm, $5-25, no one turned away for lack of funds. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

East Bay Lesbian/Gay Demo Club Mtg: Topic—Early endorsement for US Senate, House of Representatives, State Senate, Assembly. 7:30 pm. Rockridge Women's Club, 6065 Chabot Road (off College), Oakl. Info: (510) 843-0667.

At A Different Light: Lesbian poets Chea Villanueva, Khan Wang & Dawr Lundy read from their work. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit"—see 2/27 for details.

MAR 2 / MON

Women's Writers Wkshop spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6-8 pm. 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Gay Male Support Group spons by Ministry of Light begins today. Led by Dr Stuart Horace. $15 per session. Pre-reg required, call 457-1115 for info.

Reading/Talking Women Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6:30-8:30 pm at 77 Waller St, SF. For March book title call Pat 626-7000.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation tonight & 3/9 at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. 7 pm. All bisexuals (& bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Pierre 753-0687.

Our Lady of the Tortilla by Luis Santeiro, see 3/1 listing for details.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Mario Mondelli. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone, by 7 pm. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/reg: 861-7933.

Bi-Friendly East Bay meets for food, drink & conversation at the Bison Brewery, 2598 Telegraph Ave at Parker. All bisexuals (& bi-friendly others) are welcome! 7:30 pm. Info: Susan (510) 524-0574.

Food First Panel at Cody's Books: John Gershman, co-editor of *Trading Freedom: How Free Trade Affects Our Lives, Work & Environment*, is joined by contributor Jorge Castaneda in a discussion of the impact of a free trade agreement in the US & Mexico. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Monday Night Marsh series of new performance work 15-20 min in length, continues with "Rap City—Safe Time in Sex Town," by MC KGB; "Variations on a Team," by Deborah Lewis; "Angelique—Catholic Girls, Virgins & Lesbians," by Monique Marquisa De Magdalena; and "Still Headin Towards Da Promise Land," by Thomas R Simpson. 8:30 pm, $5. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.

MAR 3 / T U E

Lavendar Lounge, TV Dance Party for Gay Boys & Girls, presents Part I of a tribute to the new cult film, *Vegas in Space*. Guest hosts Philip R Ford & Miss X. Connie Champagne sings. 1:30 pm SF cable channel 25.

Ministry of Light Name Change Celebration: Ministry of Light becomes Spectrum! Come celebrate at the San Rafael Improvement Club, corner of 5th & H, San Rafael. For time & other info call 457-1115.

BACW/Sonoma Mtg: Bay Area Career Women business meeting. 6 pm social, 6:30-8 pm mtg. Info: Adele (707) 575-0673.

Gay Men's Sketch/Folsom: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by African American artist/bodybuilder Stan Stone. 7 pm, $12. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info: 621-6294.

"Rodney King—1 Year Later! Communities Unite to Stop Police Abuse," forum, 7-9 pm at Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Misson St, SF. Part of a national call for action to draw attention to continuing problems with police abuse. Eastbay rally at noon, Sproul Plaza, UC Berkeley. Spons by the Bay Area Coalition for Police Accountability (BACPA). For more info call Copwatch (510) 548-0425.

"Rasputin: The Holy Hedonist," a talk presented by Rev Edmond Douglas Boles, co-founder of the Church of Amron. 7 pm. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

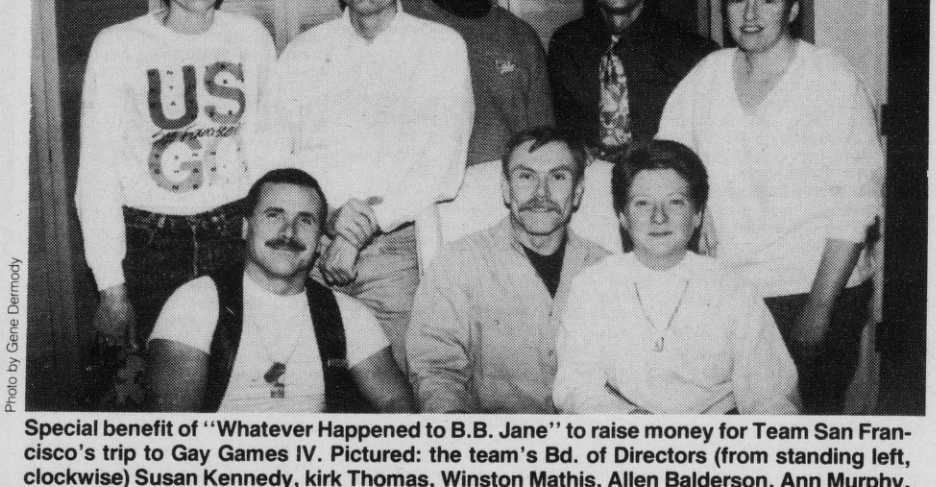
Seeking Your Spiritual Path: a series of ongoing free workshops at Rest Stop Support Center, continues with "Enlightenment, huh?" 7-9 pm. Led by Bert Herrman. Open to all. 134 Church St, SF. Info: Erik 621-1701.

Whiptail Lizard Womyn's Collective seeks to create womyn only drug, alcohol & smoke-free mtg, performance, gallery & hang-out space for lesbians. Group meets monthly (1st Tues) and currently needs help from womyn who can make a 6-month commitment to the core group. Womyn who can or are willing to learn to grant write, do public relations, be on the Board of Advisors or do performance coordinating are needed to help fulfill this dream of lesbian community. Call 267-6979 for time & location of tonight's mtg.

Shulamith Hareven, leading Israeli author, reads from her new book, *Twilight & Other Stories*. 7:30 pm at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Author Linda Niemann reads from *Boomer*, her book telling the saga of her life as a brakeman on the railroad, including her recovery from alcoholism; an inner sexual, intellectual & spiritual odyssey. Reading celebrates the paperback edition of the book. 8 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Love in Black & White: *The Triumph of Love Over Prejudice & Hate*—authors Mark & Gail Mathabane discuss their new book—a powerful & personal look at the issue of interracial relationships, by a white American & Black South African immigrant. 8-9:30 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.



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Special benefit of "Whatever Happened to B.B. Jane" to raise money for Team San Francisco's trip to Gay Games IV. Pictured: the team's Bd. of Directors (from standing left, clockwise) Susan Kennedy, kirk Thomas, Winston Mathis, Allen Balderson, Ann Murphy, Michelle Jester, Rod Doby and Gary France.

MAR 4 / W E D

Beginning Rope Works: Hands-on wkshop for gay men, spons by Bondage Buddies. Learn to do basic bondage with rope. $15. Info/reg: 292-3228.

Free Theater Classes offered by Rest Stop Support Center, a center for people living with HIV/AIDS/ARC, and their families & friends. Theater games, improv, production. Classes for beginners & advanced. 1:30-3:30 pm, today & 3/11. Classes are ongoing. Info: 621-1701.

Men's Discovery Discussion Group, spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets at 2:30 pm. Led by George Birimisa at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Today's topic: "Is Gay Republican an Oxymoron?" Info: 626-7000.

Bi-Friendly UC Support Group/Social tonight & 3/11. 6:30 pm. ASUC Bldg, Douglas Fir Room, UC Berkeley campus. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF communities & friends are welcome. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

Comedy Open Mike for Women at Mama Bears with emcee Maureen Brownsey. 7 pm, $4. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Queer Nation's Back! 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St SF. Info: 985-7141.

"Why Men Are the Way they Are," speaker & author Fed Diamond helps you understand deep masculinity. 7:30 pm. At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Mexican-Jewish lesbian writer Sara Levi Calderon reads in Spanish & English from her bestselling novel, *The Two Mujeres*, a romance exploring the constraints that family, community & society place on love. 7:30 pm, $2-4 donation. La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Spons by the Queer Caucus of La Pena. Info: 849-2568.

Ram Dass in Marin: The longtime spiritual teacher/author reads from & discusses his new book *Compassion in Action*. Co-written by Mirabai Bush, the book is, in part, his long-awaited spiritual autobiography, a practical guidebook for those who want to commit time & energy to helping relieve suffering in the world. 7:30 pm at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, 2417 Larkspur Landing, Larkspur. Free. Info: 461-0171.

Cuban Film at La Pena: See *Lucia*, story of three women in three different eras of Cuban history. 7:30 pm, $3-5. Proceeds benefit Venceremos Brigade's Scholarship Fund. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: 849-2568.

SF Hiking Club Mtg/Social: Jerry Ginsburg shows slides of his month-long tenting & game-lodge safari trip in Kenya. Club also nominates new officers. 7:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, on Collingwood nr 18th St, SF (next to Cala Market in the Castro).

Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit" at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/27 listing for details.

Poets Edith Jenkins & Robert Jones read from their work upstairs at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. 8 pm, $2. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Author Mary Gordon speaks as part of City Arts & Lectures' "On Art & Politics" series. 8 pm, $14 & $12. Proceeds benefit the Women's Foundation. Info/res: 392-4400.

MAR 5 / T H U

Lavendar Lounge TV Dance Party for Gay Boys & Girls invites you to come dance on TV for their first anniversary show. Theme is "Twins," bring a friend & dress alike. Prizes for the largest group of siblings. Features the Saliva Sisters, and others. 6-11 pm at Channel 25 Studios, 1855 Folsom St at 15th, SF. 6th floor. Info: 337-4921.

Rainbow's End lesbian, gay & bisexual support group for youth ages 14-23, meets in Marin tonight & 3/12, 19 & 26. 6:30-7 pm drop-in for first-time visitors, followed by 7-9 pm group time. For location & other info call 457-1115, to leave a message call 457-3523.

Marin BACW Business Mtg: 7-9 pm. Get down to business with Bay Area Career Women! Call Janet 927-3865 for info/location.

Women's Alcohol-Free Social at Mama Bears: Come read, chat, play scrabble & other board games. 7-11 pm. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Tonight & 3/12. Women only. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Food Not Bombs seeks new members, see 2/27 listing for details.

GLAAD Mtg: Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation holds open discussion of recent defamations & GLAAD reactions. 7 pm. 514 Castro St #B, SF. Info: 861-4588.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap meets 7-9:30 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: "The Quality of Therapy: Is the Lesbian Community Getting What We Need?" Discussion facilitated by Lynette. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

Native American Gay Roles: SF author Will Roscoe lectures on the life of Navajo medicine man & artist Hastiin Klah. Klah, one of the first Navajo weavers to incorporate religious designs into his weaving, was also co-founder of the Wheelright Museum in Santa Fe, and held third gender status as a berdache. 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. $5 donation.

Flora Davis author of *Moving the Mountain: The Women's Movement in America Since 1960, gives a talk on "Feminism's New Frontier: How Women of Color Are Changing the American Women's Movement," at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. 8 pm. Info: (510) 845-7852.*

At Modern Times Bookstore: *Piece of My Heart: A Lesbian of Colour Anthology*—6 Bay Area contributors (Maria Cora, Sabrina D Hernandez, Victoria Lena ManyArrows, Karla Rosales, Indigo Som, Skye Ward) read from this anthology of works by lesbians of color living in Canada & the US. 8 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit," at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/27 listing for details.

MAR 6 / F R I

Reading/Dialogue with June Jordan, part of UCSF Women's Resource Center's "Breaking Down the Barriers" series celebrating Women's History Month. Noon-1 pm at Cole Hall, UCSF, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Free. Info: 476-0400.

The Flame of Being: Three Dialogues with Jean Klein. Wkshop with Klein explores the spiritual insights of Advaita Vedanta, and their living unfolding in the experience of the presenter. 7-9 pm tonight, 10 am-4:30 pm tmw. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Shabbat Gathering of Jewish lesbians, bisexual women & their women friends: Let go of the week & work, bring in Shabbat with song, food, schmooze & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! SF location. 7:30 pm. Bring a substantial vegetarian potluck dish. For location & directions call 864-0684, for other info call 647-7209 (before today).

Whip Me! Cane Me! Paddle Me! Wkshop, Pt 1. Spons by QSM as part of their series of artistic & educational projects for the s/m community. This eve begins a two-day intro to whipping, spanking, caning, paddling, cropping. Tonight's presentation: "Unusual & Hard-to-Find Toys" by Peter Fiske, "Single Tail Whips" by Lou, and "The Civilized Art of Caning" by Jenne Blade. Private SF space. $20. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome. Info: 550-7776.

Katherine Warner in concert at Mama Bears: contemporary songs, with a little folk & old favorites thrown in. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit," at Josie's Cabaret, see 3/1 listing for details.

Int'l Women's Day Concert at La Pena with *Altazor*. Concert of music from Latin America to fill your heart, open your mind & move your feet. 8:30 pm, $9. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info/reg: 849-2568.

Over Our Heads, Bay Area's popular women's comedy improv group (Karen Ripley, Marion Damon, Annie Larson, Teresa Chandler), perform tonight only at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St, SF. Info/reg: 861-7933.

MAR 7 / S A T

Queer Youth Alliance group devoted to queers 25 & under seeks qualified persons 25 or under to serve on its first Board of Directors. QYA will provide counseling, suburban outreach, social activities, political events & a 24-hr crisis line. Interested? Call Chris 641-0901.

"Tibet: The Road to Independence," national conference today at UC Berkeley. Spons by Bay Area Friends of Tibet, call 241-9197 for details.

Theatre Rhino Drama Wkshop: Ongoing (since 1984) workshop taught by Donna Davis. Challenging, for "serious actors". Each person is en-

Parents & Kids Box

Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Group Bowling Trip: 3/15, 3-5 pm. Spons by Spectrum (formerly Ministry of Light), call 457-1115 for info.

Purim Fun at Temple Israel: 3/15, 10 am-noon—Hammantaschen-baking. 3/18, 7 pm—Megillah reading in Hebrew & English, come in costume, for kids of all ages. 3/22, 10 am-noon—Purim carnival, booths, prizes, costumes, food & fun! 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Call (510) 522-9355 for info.

Prospective Queer Parents Group: For lesbians & gay men who are interested in co-parenting, or seek known donor situations. For info call Leland (510) 841-4663.

Public Observation Programs provided by the Peninsula Astronomical Society. The Observatory is open on clear Friday nights for viewing of stars, planets, galaxies, star clusters & nebulae thru a 16-inch reflecting telescope or a 6-inch refractor telescope. Observatory is located at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills, halfway round the campus loop near Parking Lot T. Info: 949-7334. Observatory is closed when it is cloudy.

For Kids at La Pena: 3/7, 10:30 am—Amiguitos de La Pena presents a concert for kids with traditional Andean music by *Chaskinakuy*. $4 adults, $3 kids. 3/14, 10:30 am—Songs from Latin American countries, with Alisa Peres & Claudia Gomez. $3 adults, $2 kids. 3/21, 10:30 am—Amiguitos de La Pena present storytelling with Anita Jones, songs with Nancy Raven. $3 adults, $2 kids. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Plum City Players group of storytellers, songwriters & musicians present programs of original music & international folklore for kids & their parents at La Pena Cultural Center: 10:30 am, 3/28 & 4/25. Kids $2, grownups $3. Info: (510) 845-5095 or (510) 222-6931.

Cody's for Kids (and their parents): Cody's celebrates Black History Month with a reading by storyteller Awele Makeb, 2/29 at 1 pm—stories from African and African American sources. 3/21 at 10 am: Bone expert & author (*The Bones Book & Skeleton*) Stephen Cumbaa brings bone games & real bones for a special presentation. Recommended for kids ages 6-12. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Black History Month Celebration at Cody's Books: 2/27 at 8 pm. Thulani Davis reads from the extraordinary coming-of-age novel, *1959*. See Main Calendar listing for details.

Black History Month Wkshops & Performances at the Randall Museum, for parents & kids. No pre-reg required, admission a first-come, first-served basis, art wkshops are space-limited. Program: **Storytelling** with Anita Jones. Stories in the African American tradition. 2/29, 1-3 pm, $1—**Doll Making Wkshop** with Shanju (Judy Shannon). Come to the world of the magical dollmaker, make your own personal doll. At 3:15 pm, free—**Miraloma School African American History** performance—music, dance, storytelling & history. For info on any of these events, call 554-9600. 199 Museum Way, SF.

Encampment for Citizenship sponsors an annual (since 1946) 6-wk residential program for a diverse group of 50 youth interested in social issues & bettering their communities. This unique, multicultural program for teenagers (16-19) is held 7/5-8/14 in the SF Bay Area. Youth perform community service projects, enjoy cultural/artistic events, and take part in several in-depth small-group workshops on a variety of issues. Some issues under consideration for this summer's program include: health & poverty, int'l issues, human rights, racism & sexism, immigration, labor issues, youth empowerment, drugs, the environment, education and economics. For info/application write Encampment for Citizenship, 2530 San Pablo Ave, Ste B, Berkeley 94702 or call (510) 548-8908. Space is very limited & early application strongly advised for first priority & financial aid. Scholarships awarded based on family need. $35 application fee will be waived for applications postmarked by March 2, 1992.

For Kids at Temple Israel: Stories, songs & fun at highly participatory services—Tot Shabbat for preschoolers, 3rd Sat of each month at 9:15 am, family shabbat for school-age kids, 1st Fri of each month at 7:30 pm. Religious/Hebrew school for K-12, every Sun & Wed. Small, friendly Reform congregation, lesbian, gay & bisexual people welcome! Info: (510) 522-9355.

Sharon Art Studio offers classes for children, youth & adults in glass, beading, Indian beading, Fimo bead artistry, printmaking, jewelry & more. Reasonable fees, scholarships available. Golden Gate Park, SF, near Children's Playground. Info: 753-7006 or 753-7004.

"Change the World," a 3½ month community health & leadership training for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people, under 21. Spons by the Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment (LYFE) Program of Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Thursdays, 3/19-6/25, 4-6:30 pm at Lyon-Martin, 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF. Info: 565-7681. Learn about substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, grassroots organizing, alliance building, and other important issues.

couraged to push beyond the familiar, take chances, use aspects of the self that have been neglected. Also rejuvenate sense of play & fantasy, use the energy that comes with laughter. Work from improvised & scripted scenes; alone, in pairs & in groups. New members are accepted periodically, some opening available now. Call Theatre Rhino for details.

Eastbay Frontrunners Runs—At 9 am, "Run for the Seals" at Marin Headlands: 4 mile race thru the Marin Headlands nr Sausalito. potluck brunch after the race. At 9:30 am, Inspiration Pt/Tilden Park, Berkeley Run: Take Grizzly Peak to either South Park Dr or Shasta Rd, continue on to Wildcat Canyon Rd, follow Wildcat Canyon to Inspiration Pt. Meet in parking lot on left. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

Sexual Harassment Speak-Out/Teach-In, spons by the National Women's Political Caucus. 9:30 am-4 pm at Laney College, downtown Oakl. Keynote speaker: Judge Susan Hoerchner, character witness for Anita Hill during the Thomas confirmation hearings. Women speak out on their own experiences & learn from the experts how to combat harassment on the job. Small group wkshops on sexual harassment in the clergy, healthcare, academia, skilled trades, white collar jobs & other workplaces. Childcare free. Info: (510) 547-3738.

Whip Me! Cane Me! Paddle Me! Class, part 2. Spons by QSM, as part of their series of artistic & educational projects for the s/m community (see 3/6). Today's presentation—"Paddles & Crops for Beginners," by Samatha Ratt and "Cats & Floggers" by Gayle Rubin. After presentation, you get to try out and/or purchase hand-crafted toys by local craftspeople. $15. Doors open at noon, craft mart ends at 3 pm. Private SF space. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome. Info: 550-7776.

500 Years of Resistance Through Women's Eyes: International Women's Day celebration spons by Chicano Moratorium, Int'l Committee of Mujerio, Int'l Indian Treaty Council, Mulumbras (Brazilian Women's Immigrant Group) Sistah Boom, Women Against Imperialism, & the Int'l Women's Day Committee. Gather at 1 pm at Justin Herman Plaza, nr Embarcadero BART Station, SF. Info: 995-4735.

Sacred Sexuality—Tantra. Wkshop with therapists Johanina Wikoff & Stephen Sagaro Clark blends therapy, spirituality & the ancient art of Tantra to provide tools for loving oneself & celebrating life. 3-6 pm, $20. A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

GLAA (Gay & Lesbian Artists Alliance) Mtg: 6 pm at Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St, SF. Gen'l mtg followed by potluck dinner. Bring something to eat or drink, and artwork to share or discuss. Info: Richard 863-0212.

AIDS Dance-A-Thon: 5th annual 5-hour fundraising dance extravaganza benefiting several Bay Area AIDS organizations. Ft Mason Center Pavilion, SF. Sign-in at 6 pm, dance 7 pm-midnight. Pre-reg required, call 392-9255 for info/reg.

AGUILAS: Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as A Superarse: Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, health relationships, and leadership skills. Mtg/potluck today, for location & other details call Juan 648-3702.

Amazons Rising! Reading of poetry by women to commemorate International Women's Day. 7:30 pm, $5-10 donation. Proceeds benefit the Asian American Women Artists Alliance. Readers include Mira Ingram, Julia Vinograd, Cynthia Lloyd, Tatyana Melnikoff, Nancy Depper & Amy Kashiwabara. Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar at Bonita, Berkeley. Info: Mira (510) 845-5747.

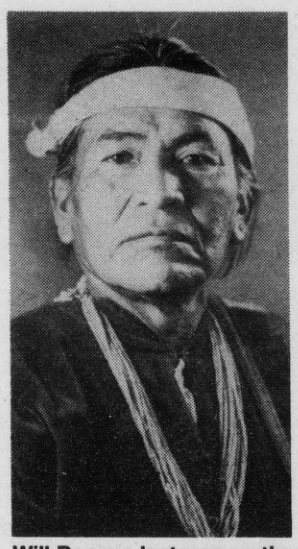
Alaskan Libby Roderick sings about women, the environment, Native American & more in styles ranging from reggae & country to gospel & blues. 8 pm, $7-9. At Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Women only. Info: (510) 428-9684.

"Impromptu Night" spons by Girth & Mirth Club, a club for chubby gay men & their admirers. Bring your own refreshments. Fun starts at 8 pm. 176-B Page St, SF. Info: 824-0260.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit," at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/27 listing for details.

Bi-Friendly Theatre Outing: See "Dangerous Beauty: Love in the Age of Earthquakes & AIDS." 8 pm, $10. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St at 20th, SF. Call John 775-5697 by 3/5 to reserve your tix, or meet at the theatre at 7:45 pm tonight.

ATA Gallery's Other Cinema series continues with "Through Her Eyes" a night of work by women filmmakers: Jo Ann Kaplan, Glenda Egan, Asako Somii, Jennifer Gentile, and others. 8:30 pm, $5. 992 Valencia St, SF.



Will Roscoe lectures on the life of Hastiin Klah (pictured), Navajo medicine man and berdache. Mar. 12 has info.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret, with comics Tom Ammiano, Maureen Brownsey, and Karla Carmony. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Surfer Instrumental Extravaganza at El Rio tonight: *Mermen, Insect Surfers* and *Aquavelvets*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

MAR 8 / SUN

8th Annual Tibet Day: Celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Tibet: Himalayan arts & crafts bazaar, delicious Tibten food, live performances by the Tibetan Dance Troupe, Chaksam-Pa, plus demos of the ancient art of thangka painting. Also up to date videos & reports on Tibet's struggle for independence. 10 am-4 pm at Ft Mason Center Bldg A, SF. Info: Bay Area Friends of Tibet 241-9197.

"How to Survive Loss & Destruction: A Rabbinic View," talk by Rabbi David Nelson, visiting scholar at Temple Israel of Alameda, 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. This is his only public Bay Area appearance. 10 am. Info: (510) 522-9355.

Marin BACW Discussion/Potluck: Topic—"Gay Life in the '90s: Who Are We Now?" Bring a dish and answers to share. Info/location: JoAnne 388-8132.

Albany Dykes: There's quite a few dykes in town, come get to know us! Potluck brunch, noon-3 pm. For info/directions call (510) 528-9026 or (510) 525-6866.

"Creating A Sacred Space," MCC-SF Annual Women's Retreat—today's the deadline for deposits, see 3/20 listing for details.

Humor Writers Wkshop spons by GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). 3 pm. For info/location call 731-2424. Hosted by Jon Sugar.

Open House at Luna: A Dance World. Dance classes offered for children & adults. 3-6 pm at 4226 Park Blvd, Oakl.

Over-The-Hill Women's Words: Old lesbians read from their work this afternoon at 3 pm. $3-5. 145 Guerrero St, SF. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.

Queer Youth Alliance seeks board members, see 3/7 listing for details.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Sandy Butler, author of *Cancer in Two Voices*, speaks on wellness, choices, & finding meaning in life in the face of inevitable death. 5 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

United Colors of Women, an International Women's Day celebration presented by DCJ Productions. Entertainers: June & Jean Millington, Rashida Oji, *Siren* women's acapella group, Women's Video Theatre, Laney Goodman, and others. Dancing! 6-11 pm, $8-12 SL cover. At CW, 917 Folsom St SF, btwn 4th & 5th, SF.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Bimonthly potluck dinner for women & men in city planning & related professions. For more info & location call 626-5750 or 285-0910.

"Him & Hers Fantasy," fundraiser Ball for "Together We Stand & Walk Proud," the 1st SF African American Gay & Lesbian Conference. Dance, hor d'oeuvres, networking. Come dressed in your fantasy! (optional). Cash prizes & gifts for best costume. Wear what your mother always told you not to. 6-10 pm at Eagle Creek, 1884 Market St nr Laguna, SF. $5-10 donation. Info: Midgett 648-3658.

At Modern Times Bookstore: *Undocumented Love/Amor Indocumentado*—Jose Antonio Burciaga reads from his bilingual collection of poetry, speaks of his love of Mexicano/Chicano culture & people. 7 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Int'l Women's Day Celebration at La Pena. "Ripe Enough," a night of stories, music & movement celebrating the creativity, struggles & victories of women from many cultures. With Luisah Teish & Melanie DeMore. 7:30 pm, $8. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info/reg: 849-2568.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit," at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/27 listing for details. Final performance!

Scott Bradfield, author of *The History of Luminous Motion,* reads from *Dream of the Wolf,* his eerily beautiful collection of short stories, newly released in paperback. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info (510) 845-7852.

MAR 9 / MON

Shanti Volunteer Training Deadline: Today is the last day to register for the Shanti Crossings Volunteer Training, scheduled for 3/14, 21 & 22. Volunteers are trained to work with children & families impacted by HIV. Info: Barbara Linn or Stephanie Ruby-Klink at 777-2273.

Men's Potluck Brunch spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets noon-3 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Bring a dish to share. Info: 626-7000.

SF Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG), support group for parents of lesbian daughters & gay sons, monthly mtg & sharing tonight at St Francis Lutheran Church, Church & Market, SF. 2-4 pm (use side gate). Gay & lesbian community welcome. Speaker: Pansy of A Different Light Bookstore. Info/Helpline: 921-8850.

Break the Silence Mural Project: Slide presentation by Berkeley artist Miranda Bergman on the mural project created by 4 Jewish American women on the West Bank & local Palestinian artists, an expression of international solidarity with the Palestinian struggle for independance. 7-9 pm, free. Cloud Hall, City College of SF. Room 245. Info: 239-3580. Co-spons by the Women's Studies Dept & the General Union of Palestinian Students.

Bi-Friendly SF meets tonight for food, drink & conversation—see 3/2 listing for details.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Mario Mondelli. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring gay & lesbian comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/reg: 861-7933.

Monday Night Marsh series of new performance work 15-20 min in length continues with Yehuda H's "The Mad Dancers," Deborah Lewis' "Variations on a Team," Heather Pearl's "Blast Off," and Jovanka Steele's "But Enough About Me." 8:30 pm, $5. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.

MAR 10 / TUE

Old Mint Tour for people with HIV. Shanti Project's Activities Program sponsors a tour of SF's Old Mint on 5th Street. Free. Sign-up required. Call the Activities Events Line 777-2273 for details.

The Narrative Art of Carmen Lomas Garza. Award-winning artist presents a slideshow/lecture featuring paintings which recreate her childhood memories of South Texas. Noon-1 pm at Mission Center, Room 125, 1855 Folsom St, SF. Part of UCSF Women's Resource Ctr's "Breaking Down the Barriers" series in celebration of Women's History Month. Info: 476-0400.

Lavendar Lounge TV Dance Party for gay boys & girls, continues with part 2 of their tribute to the cult classic, *Vegas in Space*. Stars Philip R Ford & Miss X, with the Showgirls from Earth. 1:30 pm, SF cable channel 25.

Gay Men's Sketch/Folsom: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by sensuous actor Andy Tabbat. 7 pm, $12. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/reg: 621-6294.

"Opening the Doors Within," a video presentation produced by the Findhorn Foundation. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

"All in All I'd Rather Be Having Sex," Tommi Avicolli Mecca presents his new one-man play, the story of a South Philly Italian queen who has survived it all. Sexually explicit play by Mecca, Philadelphia born writer/performer & veteran of radical drag theater. Plays Tues & Wed at 8 pm, Fri at 10 pm, thru 4/1. $10. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/reg: 861-7933.

Spalding Gray, author of *Sex & Death* and *Swimming to Cambodia*, signs copies of his new novel, *Monster in a Box*. 8 pm at Cody's Books, Berkeley. Booksigning only.

C O D Y · S

MARCH EVENTS 1992

BARNEY FRANK March 1, Sunday, 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Congressman Barney Frank will discuss his new book, *Speaking Frankly: What's Wrong With the Democratic Party and How to Fix It*. This provocative analysis and personal political manifesto looks at how the Democrats lost control of the White House, examines the "hot button" voter issues—crime, race, gun-control and abortion—and sketches a bold blueprint for a Democratic victory in 1992. Sure to surprise, infuriate and spark debate in the upcoming campaign. *Speaking Frankly* delivers a powerful message from one of America's most brilliant and articulate public servants.

FOOD FIRST PANEL March 2, Monday, 8:00 PM

John Gershman, co-editor of *Trading Freedom: How Free Trade Affects Our Lives, Work and Environment*, will be joined by contributor Jorge Castanedo in a discussion of the impact of a free trade agreement in the U.S. and Mexico. Gershman and Castaneda will also present an alternative that places development, social justice and a healthy environment at its center. John Gershman is a research associate at the Institute for Food and Development Policy (Food First). Jorge Castaneda is Professor of International Studies at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) and visiting professor of Latin American Studies at the University of California, Berkeley.

MARK AND GAIL MATHABANE March 3, Tuesday, 8:00 to 9:30 PM

Mark and Gail Mathabane take a powerful and personal look at the controversial issue of interracial relationships in their new book, *Love in Black and White: The Triumph of Love Over Prejudice and Hate*. Gail, a white American, and Mark, a black South African immigrant, examine their own experiences with family, friends and their black and white communities. Their story, and the stories of other mixed couples, are the heart of this timely and important book. Mark Mathabane is the author of *Kaffir Boy* and *Kaffir Boy in America*.

FLORA DAVIS March 5, Thursday, 8:00 PM

Flora Davis, author of *Moving the Mountain: The Women's Movement in America Since 1960*, will give a talk on "Feminism's New Frontier: How Women of Color Are Changing the American Women's Movement." Davis will examine the issues that have divided white feminists and women of color over the years, and explore the possibilities of building a movement that meets everyone's needs and expectations. "*Moving the Mountain* is... the definitive book on the What, When, Who, How, Why, and occasional Why Nots of the modern women's movement!" —Muriel Fox, founder and past chairwoman of National Organization for Women.

SCOTT BRADFIELD March 8, Sunday, 8:00 PM

Scott Bradfield, author of *The History of Luminous Motion*, will read from *Dream of the Wolf*, his eerily beautiful collection of short stories, newly released in paperback. In the troubled paradise of Bradfield's Southern California, the uncanny interfaces with the ordinary. A man is obsessed by dreams in which he becomes a wolf, dogs have theories of political philosophy and a house discusses its secret life. This is a mysterious and unforgettable book that brilliantly delivers the surreal in our own backyards.

MARK LANE March 9, Monday, 8:00 PM

Was our own government responsible for the assassination of President Kennedy? Mark Lane, author of *Rush to Judgement*, examines the evidence for CIA involvement in his newest book, *Plausible Denial*. *Plausible Denial* is a new and startling perspective on an event that devastated the entire nation and irrevocably altered the course of history.

SPALDING GRAY Tuesday, March 10, 8:00 PM

Spalding Gray, author of *Sex and Death* and *Swimming to Cambodia*, outdoes himself in his new, long-awaited monologue, *Monster in a Box*. *Monster in a Box* is Gray's hilarious account of the writing of his "monster," a novel that at last sighting weighed in at about 1,600 pages. *Monster* received rave reviews as a performance piece, and is appearing in book form for the first time. Spalding Gray will be signing only. "Gray fishes up so much of the glory and chaos of our times... talking about himself—with candor, humor, imagination—he ends up talking about all of us." —*Washington Post*.

TESS GALLAGHER March 12, Thursday, 8:00 PM

When Raymond Carver died of cancer in 1988, the literary world mourned. Tess Gallagher's *Moon Crossing Bridge* came into being as she came to terms with her loss. These poems chart the course of grieving, reflecting a powerful, imaginative and mythic vision. Resonant and rich with Gallagher's typically amazing images, this work is her best to date.

BRUCE FRANKLIN March 14, Saturday, 8:00 PM

Two decades after the Vietnam War, many Americans are still convinced that U.S. prisoners remain captive in Southeast Asia. In his intelligent, provocative and courageous new book, *M.I.A. or Mythmaking in America*, Bruce Franklin presents a persuasive case for his belief that our government deliberately overstated the case for still existing POWs in order to demonize North Vietnam and draw attention away from atrocities being committed by American forces.

ELLEN GILCHRIST March 16, Monday, 8:00 PM

Ellen Gilchrist, winner of the National Book Award for *Victory Over Japan*, will read from her new novel, *Net of Jewels*. The irrepressible Rhoda Manning returns, now in her late teens. Though her life seems perfect, Rhoda becomes discontent, and flings herself on a rebellious course toward destruction. With lyric prose that borders on the poetic, Gilchrist probes beneath the sunny, steady surfaces of a southern world to reveal the devastating tension within.

STEPHEN CUMBAA March 21, Saturday, 10:00 AM

Bone expert Stephen Cumbaa, author of *The Bones Book and Skeleton*, will bring bone games and real bones for a special presentation. From cranium to calcaneum, *The Bones Book and Skeleton* is the lively story of everything you ever wanted to know about bones. A custom made plastic skeleton, designed according to Gray's anatomy standards and the most accurate available for kids, is included with each book. Stephen Cumbaa is Associate Director of Collections and Research at the National Museum of Natural Sciences in Ottawa. The presentation and book are recommended for kids ages 6-12. Make no bones about it, this will be a terrific event!

SAM KEEN March 27, Friday, 8:00 PM

Sam Keen will discuss *Fire in the Belly: On Being a Man*, his groundbreaking and illuminating work on the male experience, and the search for meaning and identity in a masculine framework. At no time in history have there been so many restless, questioning men examining their roles and the ways of being in the world. This is a powerful, hopeful and helpful guide for men who want to explore an alternative vision of masculinity.

TIKKUN PANEL DISCUSSION March 31, Tuesday, 8:00 PM

Tikkun, one of the most creative and controversial magazines in the U.S., has recently published a brilliant anthology, edited by Michael Lerner. *Tikkun: An Anthology* contains articles written by a stellar array of contributors, among them Christopher Lasch, Allen Ginsberg, Annie Dillard, Woody Allen and David Mamet. The discussion topic for the evening will be "A *Tikkun* Perspective on Contemporary Politics." Panel members will include Michael Lerner, Peter Gable, Ilene Philipson, Todd Gitlin and Ruth Rosen.

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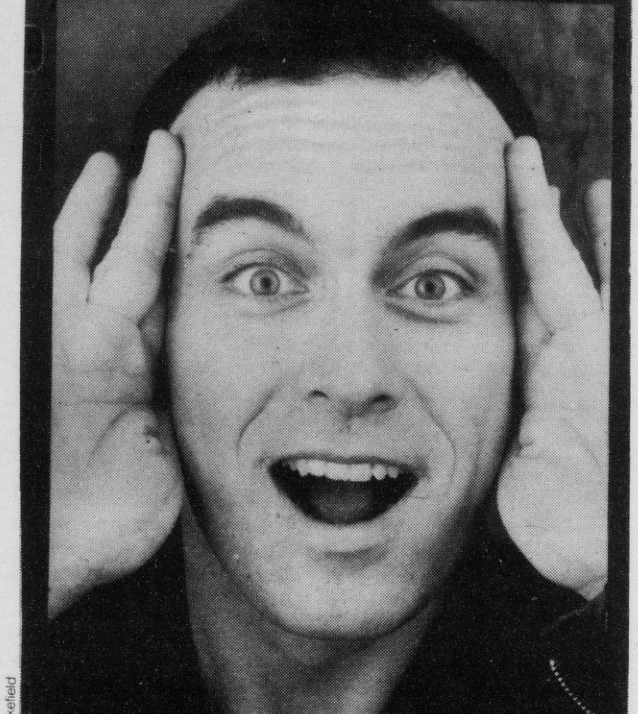
At Modern Times Bookstore: Author Flora Davis discusses *Moving the Mountain*, her lively, in-depth look at the history of three decades of the US Women's Movement. 8 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Sherry Anderson reads from & discusses her new book, *The Feminine Face of God*. 8 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Old Wives' Tales; no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

MAR 11 / WED

Older Lesbians Support Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets Noon-2 pm, today & 3/25 at 1853 Market St, SF. Bring a bag lunch if you want to. Info: 626-7000.
Dr Robert Smith speaks on "Crisis in the Black Family," shedding light on his controversial comment that "young African American women should be more concerned about finding a husband than having a career." Noon-1 pm at Conlan Hall, City College of SF. Room 101. Info: 239-3580.
The Narrative Art of Carmen Lomas Garza: Award-winning artist gives a slideshow/lecture featuring paintings which recreate her childhood memories of life in South Texas. Part of UCSF Women's Resource Ctr's "Breaking Down the Barriers" series in celebration of Women's History Month. Noon-1 pm, free. Carr Hall, SF General Hospital, 1001 Potrero Ave, SF. Info: 476-0400.
Informational Gathering: Monthly mtg spons by Project Share for Oakland & Berkeley residents interested in sharing space in their home, or finding shared housing. 2:30 pm at 3012 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-9030.
Bi-Friendly UC Support Group/Social tonight on UC Berkeley campus, see 3/4 listing for details.
Feminism in the '90s: A 6-wk discussion series for women, spons by SF NOW, begins with "Economic Equity for Women & the Equal Rights Amendment". 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 3rd floor multi-purpose room. Info: Marcia Munson 431-7329.
Recovering Your Lost Self Wkshop with Joy Silver Johnston, CMT, CHT. Learn to release self-defeating behaviors throughout the body. 7:30 pm, free. A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8790.
Marin Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) meets 7:30 pm in the choir room at Church of Our Saviour, 10 Old Mill Rd, Mill Valley. Info: 457-1115.
Poets Myung Mi Kim & Dale Going read from their work upstairs at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. 8 pm, $2. Info: (510) 845-7852.
Bondage/Harddick/Fun s/m party for gay men spons by Bondage Buddies in fully equipped play space. 8 pm, $10. Info/locaton: 292-3228.
Shekhinah Mountainwater gives a performance/bookparty at Mama Bears to celebrate the publication of her book, *Ariadne's Thread*. 7 pm, $5. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.
Tommi Avicolli Mecca in "All in All I'd Rather Be Having Sex," at Josie's, see 3/10 listing for details.

MAR 12 / THU

Picking Up After Job Loss: 2-day workshop spons by the Jewish Vocational Service. Small group wkshop facilitated by Debra Perlman, MFCC. Focus on the concerns of people who are having a difficult time finding work. Learn how to rebuild confidence, handle difficult interview questions, find the hidden job market. 10 am-noon, $15. Pre-reg required. Info: 391-3600. Jewish Vocational Service Office, 77 Geary St, Ste 401, SF.
Survival Jobs for Transitional Times: Small-group wkshop spons by Jewish Vocational Service, facilitated by Joann Jelly, Ed.D. Focus on evaluating ideas for an alternative job goal during a period of transition. 10 am-noon, $15. Pre-reg required. Info/reg: 391-3600. 77 Geary St, Ste. 401, SF.
"Thinking Globally About Female Human Rights," a talk by Anne Firth Murray, president & co-founder of the Global Fund for Women. Part of UCSF Women's Resource Ctr's "Breaking Down the Barriers" series in celebration of Women's History Month. Noon-1 pm, Toland Hall, UCSF, 521 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-0400.
Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm today & 3/26 at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.
Troubled Paradise, world premiere of Academy Award-sinner Steven Okazaki's new documentary, a celebration of the richness of Hawaiian culture & a compelling look at the social & political problems faced by its indigenous people. Set on the Big Island, the film explores a land most tourists never see, capturing the struggles, dignity & hope of Native Hawaii. Film opens the 1992 Asian American Int'l Film Showcase. At the AMC Kabuki 8 Theatres, 1881 Post St at Fillmore, SF. Showtimes & other info: 863-0814.
Rainbow's End, lesbian, gay & bisexual youth group, meets tonight in Marin, see 3/5 listing for details.
Good Vibrations Anniversary Bash! Yes—GV is 15! Come celebrate—admission is free to all, but you must have an invitation (available at Good Vibrations during store hours, hurry down & get yours). Entertainment with spoken word performances by alternative pornographer Carol Queen & *Taste of Latex* publisher Lily Braindrop, fashion show by leather & latex outfitters Stormy Leather, plus belly dancing by Fat Chance Belly Dance. Susie Bright emcees. Downtown Donna spins the discs. Edibles by City Catering, with no-host bar. 7-9 pm at 650 Howard St nr 2nd, SF. Info: 550-7399.
Women's Alcohol-Free Social at Mama Bears, see 3/5 listing for details.
At ClaireLight Women's Books: "So, How About Therapy?" a talk by Carolyn Kaufman, RN, CS, MFCC on what's available & important to consider when interviewing a potential therapist. 7 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
Powers of Attorney Wkshop: Make sure the person you choose has the power to make crucial decisions about your medical & financial welfare. 7-9 pm, $25. Forms provided. Info/res. Law Offices of Linda Scaparotti, (510) 835-0850.
Rounds Singing for Women: Learn beautiful rounds of love, work, play, spirit & freedom, in many languages, from many centuries. Thurs eves, 7:15-9 pm. Fee. For info/reg call Kay 285-9642.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Reception for editor Franco & the staff of the lesbian magazine *Deneuve*. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
Slide/lecture by Bradley Rose on the life & work of gay archaeologist & art historian Johann Joachim Winckelmann (1717-1768), the leading theorist of the neoclassical movement in art and the Papal Antiquarian, in charge of Rome's large & valuable collection of ancient art. Using Winckelmann's letters & published writing, Rose presents a mosaic view of a gay man's life in 18th century Rome. 7:30 pm, $5. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap meets 7-9:30 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: "Lesbian Fiction: What's Hot & What's Not." Discussion facilitated by Donna. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.
Guatemala Update: Slideshow & discussion on conditions faced by Guatemalan refugees who have been living in camps in Mexico for the past 10 years, and are about to be repatriated. Also discussion of the current situation in Guatemala. 7:30 pm, $4-10. Spons by the Home Campaign. La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.
At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Karin Kallmacher reads from her upcoming erotic romance & signs copies of her previous work. 7:30 pm, free. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.
At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Carol Ione discusses her new book, *Pride of Family: Four Generations of American Women of Color*. 8 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Old Wives' Tales, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 821-4675. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF.
Tess Gallagher reads from her book of poems dealing with her grief over the death of her husband, Raymond Carver—the work rflects a powerful, imaginative & mythic vision. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave.
Comic Frank Maya in "The Frank Maya Show," at Josie's Cabaret. NY comic Maya returns to Josie's for a 3-wk run. In a combination of edgy stand-up comedy & personal storytelling, Maya explores his gay childhood, early dating, and adult life. 8 pm, $10. Play runs Thurs-Sun, thru 3/29. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/reg: 861-7933.



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The Frank Maya Show!!—at Josie's. See Mar. 12.

GALLERIES

Cartoon Art Museum: "Broad Humor: Women Cartoonists of the Past, Present & Future," exhibit of original art by women cartoonists. Thru 5/16. Related special event: 3/19: Roundtable panel discussions of women in the arts & political correctness in cartoon art. Also "Black Ink," an exhibit of original art by African American cartoonists, thru 5/16. Related special events: 2/27: "40 Acres & A Pen," a discussion with artists Morrie Turner, Michael Davis, Shep Hendrix, Denys Cowan & Charles Belle. 4/9: "Ethnic Images: How True Are They?" a discussion with Steven Bentley, Demetrius Diamond, Jonathan Smith & Greg Harris. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat. Info: 546-9481.
New Langton Arts: "Living in Someone Else's Paradise," an installation by Millie Wilson, a presentation of the most recent work in her ongong series, "The Museum of Lesbian Dreams," thru 3/7. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.
Walter/McBean Gallery, SF Art Institute: "Snow in SF", an exhibit of work by filmmaker, photographer, sculptor, painter & musician Michael Snow, thru 3/21. 800 Chestnut St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm, Thurs until 8 pm. Info: 749-4588.
SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Tivaivai: Cook Island Coverlets," 2/29-4/26, opening reception 3/3, 5-7 pm. "Doris Miller: Raku Vessels," on exhibit 2/29-4/25, opening reception 3/3, 5-7 pm. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.
University Art Museum: "Seeing Through 'Paradise,' Artists & the Terezin Concentration Camp," thru 3/22. "The Here & the Hereafter: Images of Paradise in Islamic Art," thru 3/22. "Is What Is: An Installation by Hachivi Edgar Heap of Birds", thru 4/5. Hrs: Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.
NIAD Gallery: National Institute of Art & Disabilities Gallery. Exhibit of ceramic art work, thru 3/6. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.
John Pence Gallery: "Landscapes & Seascapes: Past & Present," exhibit of works by Donald Davis, Peter Holbrook, Donald Jurney, Randall Lake, Michael Lynch, Dorothy Morgan & Evan Wilson, along with noted American painters from the past, to illustrate the continuation of a strong academic tradition. Thru 3/13. 750 Post St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm. Info: 441-1138.
The Lab Gallery: "Rodney Is Her Name!" exhibit by visual artist Rodney O'Neal Austin, thru 3/28. Related performance—Austin appears as Velma Void in "I Could Rip Your Lips Off!" 3/6 & 7 at 8 pm. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Wed-Sat. Info: 346-4063.
Wilcox Gallery: Paintings by Jamie Brunson, photographs by Ron Chase. Exhibit runs thru 3/28, opening reception 3/2, 5:30-7:30 pm. 228 Grant Ave, SF. Info: 433-4660.
Asian Erotic Exhibit of antique Chinese, Japanese, Indian & contemporary Hawaiian erotic art from the collection of Terry Guthrie, thru 3/7 at Good Vibrations. 1210 Valencia St, SF. Hrs: noon-6 pm daily, Thurs till 8 pm. Info: 550-7399.
Richmond Art Center: "Looking Out/Looking In: Selections of Bay Area Drawing," exhibit of work by Jim Melchert, Joseph Slusky, Corban LePell, Craig Nagasawa, Grace Munakata, Christina Jordan, Rob Anderson, Bruce Conner, Frank Lobdell, Irmagean, Sylvia Fragoso, Landa Townsend, Kathleen Jesse & Frances Butler. Thru 4/12. Wheelchair Accessible. Hrs: 10 am-4:30 pm, Tues-Fri; noon-4:30 pm Sat & Sun. Info: (510) 620-6772.
SF Camerawork: "Portraits of the Rooted & Uprooted," photos by Mark Berghash; "My Name Is Hunter's Point," photos by Susan Schwartzenberg. 3/18-4/25, opening reception 3/20, 6-8 pm. Lectures by the artists on 4/16 at 8 pm, $5. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission, at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Admission free. Info: 621-1001.
SF Arts Commission Gallery: "The Archeology of Intention," a temporary outdoor installation by Bernie Lubell. On exhibit 3/19-6/19, reception 3/19, 5-7 pm; artist's talk 4/4 at 3 pm. "Real Tears," group exhibit illuminating a post-Eighties sensibility in which heated political & economic issues have become more inescapably "real". Works by Margaret Crane, Clifford Hengst, Cary Leibowitz/Candyass, John-Eric Otter, Melissa Pokorny, Leslie Singer & Kevin Sullivan. 155 Grove St, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Tues-Fri, 11 am-8 pm Thurs, noon-5 pm Sat. Info: 554-9682.
The Jewish Museum: "In Fine Linen: the Art of Laurie Gross," retrospective of approx 100 of Gross' fibre sculptures, plus a new installation. On exhibit 3/31-6/14. 121 Steuart St btwn Mission & Howard, SF. Hrs: 10 am-4 pm Tues-Fri & Sun. Info: 543-8880.
Capp Street Project: "Subject: Male Violence," an informative installation on male violence against women, from a variety of perspectives, incorporating found photography, video imagery, statistics, text & recorded testimony of batterers & victims. Thru 3/28; free lecture on 3/3 at 7 pm at Capp Street Project, and on 3/11 at 7 pm at Calif College of Arts & Crafts. "The Mattole Project," a collaboration by Julian Lang & Jo Babcock, bringing forward the story of Mattole culture, the Native people who once inhabited southwestern Humboldt County. Thru 3/28; artists' talk on 3/18 at 7 pm. 270 14th St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Tues-Sat. Info: 626-7747.
Morphos Gallery: "Nina Glaser —

Photographs," exhibit of black & white photographs by Nina Glaser. Thru 4/5. 544 Hayes St, SF. Info: 626-1936.
Falkirk Cultural Gallery: Exhibit of paintings by Margaret Thomas, 1987-1991. Thru 4/4. 1408 Mission St, off E, San Rafael. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Tues-Fri, 10 am-9 pm Thurs, 10 am-1 pm Sat. Info: 485-3328.
"Myths & Icons," exhibit of paintings by Jeff Bedrick at Architects & Heroes, 2239 Fillmore St, SF. 3/16-5/3. Reception 3/20, 7-9 pm. Info: 921-8383.
Paintings by Vicky Chaet on exhibit at Sweet Inspirations, 2239 Market St, SF. thru 3/6.
Recent work by Bruce Weinberg & Andy Harader on exhibit at Joanne Chappell Gallery, thru 3/27. 625 2nd St, Ste 400, SF. Info: 777-5711.

ON STAGE

Photo by Marion Gray

"The Ten PM Dream," based on Anne Sexton's poem cycle "Transformations," performed by Della Davidson Dance Company and Club Foot Orchestra. OnStage has complete info.

Love & Anger by George F Walker. This comic attack on power & its abuses pits the "reborn" attorney Petie Maxwell against the powerful publisher of a "fascist rag." Actors Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sun thru 4/5 at 8 pm, $12. 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9179.
Sophocles' Antigone by Bertolt Brecht, translated by Judith Molina. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, thru 3/14. Bannam Theatre production. 50 Bannam St, SF. Info/res: 362-7632.
Leonardo da Vinci & the Possibility of Human Flight by Michael Andrew Walton. Play addresses the frustrations of the human condition. El Mico Bravo production. Play has a split run, playing thru 3/1 at Berkeley's Theatre of the Blue Rose, 3/6-22 at Somar Theatre in SF. For tix info/res: 441-8927.
Cyrano De Bergerac by Edmond Rostand, translated by Brian Hooker, adapted by Dennis Powers. Actor Peter Donat reprises his role as the poetic soldier with an out-sized nose in this ACT production of Rostand's tour de force of dramatic poetry. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Wed & Sat matinee at 2 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm; thru 3/14. $10-26 weeknights, $11-33 weekends. Theatre on the Square, 450 Post St btwn Mason & Powell, SF. Info/res: 762-BASS.
Substance of Things Hoped For, a trilogy by Andrew Caldwell. Examines the faith & revelations faced by three people: a young girl institutionalized following an incestuous rape, a young gay man hospitalized with AIDS, and an elderly homeless woman living on the streets of Washington, DC. Runs Sun at 2 pm thru 3/29 at the Plough & the Stars, 116 Clement St in SF. Tix $8 at door. Info: (707) 649-1407.
Nude Zapata by Richard Talavera. Alarmed by Jesse Helms' recent censorship campaign, an eccentric Latina playwright decides to reveal the little-known truth about the 1951 movie classic "Viva Zapata"—maybe. El Teatro de la Esperanza. Runs thru 3/8, Thurs-Sun at 8 pm. Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St, SF. Tix $10 Thurs & Sun; $12 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 255-2320.
Miss Julie by Strindberg. Classic drama skewering class distinctions—a proud, aristocratic woman is seduced by her father's valet. North Beach Repertory production. Runs Wed-Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 2 & 8 pm, $12, thru 3/12. North Beach Repertory Theatre, 2801 Leavenworth, (third floor in the Cannery) SF. Info/res: 928-4860.
Beauty & the Beast for Flamenco, an adaptation of the classic fairy tale by Irene Haughey for 16 dancer/singers. Phoenix Theatre production. $13. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, $13, Sun at 3 pm, $10. Thru 3/22. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St, SF. Info/res: 621-4423 or 621-5338.
Foolin' Around With Infinity by Steven Dietz. Story about the relationships of three people in a nuclear missile control site confronted with the responsibility of pushing the button. Fourth Monkey Ensemble production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, thru 3/7. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Dolores Community Center, 208 Dolores at 15th, SF. Info/res: 681-7095.
The Ten PM Dream, premiere of choreographer Della Davidson's work based on the late Anne Sexton's poem cycle "Transformations," a dark, funny & often sexually charged retelling of Grimm's fairy tales. Previews 3/10 at 8:30 pm, runs Wed-Sun thru 3/15. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. Tix $12 & $14. Info/res: 621-7797.
The Krewe of Neptune and **Alligator Tales** by Anne Galjour. Spicy tales from the Cajun Bayou. At Climate Theatre, Thurs-Sun thru 3/8. 8 pm. 252 9th St, SF. Tix $10-14. Info/res: 626-9196.
Meat My Beat, LA solo performance artist presents a variety of songs in a performance art format, affirming the lesbian & gay experience. Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm thru 2/29. Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.
Deep in a Dream of You, David Cale in a one-man show at Life in the Water. A collection of 12 thematically linked monologues told from different men & women's points of view. Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm (except 3/8, at 2 pm) thru 3/15. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Ft Mason Ctr, Bldg B, SF. Info/res: 776-8999.
Twice Over by Jackie Kay. Explores the nature of friendships which cross class, generational & racial lines. Grandma Cora's love letters & diaries are found by her granddaughter after her death, causing the granddaughter to wonder if Grandma was gay. Theatre Rhino production. Previews 3/5 & 6 at 8 pm, runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm thru 4/11. Sun matinees at 3 pm on 3/15, 22 & 29, special twilight peformances at 5 pm on 3/14, 21, 28 & 4/4. Tix $11-17, opening night $20, previews $10-11. Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.
Oscar & Bertha by Maria Irene Fornes. Offbeat comedy tells the story of two very eccentric siblings competing for the affections of the same woman. Magic Theatre production. Previews 3/5-8, opens 3/10 at 8:30 pm, runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm, thru 4/12. Tix $12-21. Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr, Bldg D, SF. Info/reg: 441-8822.
Dangerous Beauty: Love in the Age of Earthquakes & AIDS by Lee Jenkins. Work explores the relationship between a bisexual woman & a gay man who is HIV positive and the conflicts that come about when powerful romantic feelings do not conform to the limits of sexual identities. Tale Spinners Theater production. Runs 3/5-29 at The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Thurs-Sun at 8 pm. Info/res: 641-0235.
A Murder of Crows by Mac Wellman. Wellman uses an off-center middle class family to raise disturbing questions about politics, religion, class struggle, xenophobia, life, death & the American Dream. Previews 3/11 & 12, opens 3/13, runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 3/29. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 626-3311. Tix $10.
The Convict's Return by Geoff Hoyle & Anthony Taccone. One-man show by Hoyle, popular Bay Area clown/comic, a "monologue on steroids." Berkeley Rep Theatre production. Previews 3/6-10, opens 3/11, runs in modified rotating repertory with the second play of Berkeley Rep's Parallel Season, **Dream of a Common Language.** For showtimes & tix info call (510) 845-4700. 2025 Addison St, Berkeley.
The Imposter, a Kyogen adaptation in English of the Moliere comedy masterpiece, "Tartuffe," developed by playwright Carol Sorgenfrei & Theatre of Yugen. Shown with the traditional Kyogen play, **The Owl Mountain Priest**, performed in English. Theatre of Yugen production. Previews 3/5 & 6, opens 3/7, runs Fri & Sat eves at 8 pm, Sun matinees at 3 m, thru 3/28. Tix $8 previews, $20 opening night, $12 eve performances. Info/res: 621-0507. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa at Alabama, SF.
The Dance & the Railroad by David Henry Hwang. A look at Chinese culture, written by the author of the award-winning "M Butterfly." Thru 2/29 at Art-Rise Studio Theatre, El Rancho School, 753 Del Monte Ave, So.SF. Info/res: 873-2442. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs.
Apple Pie with George & Jane (or Political Wife Flambe), an interactive mock "meet the candidate reception" based on characters from Bill Talen's "Political Wife." A series of mock receptions marks the triumphal return of George & Jane Cudahay from their whistle stop presidential primary tour of New Hampshire. Runs 3/4-4/18 at 8 pm. Civic Center Holiday Inn Banquet Rooms, 50 8th St, SF. All performances include dessert with the candidate. Info/res: 776-8999.
Bye Bye Brunhilde by Camille Roy. Two dykes, Fear & Technique, share an apartment. They are profoundly, if unhappily attached. Play runs 2/28, 3/1 & 2 at 8 pm at New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom St, SF. Tix $6. Info/res: 626-5416.
Billy Bishop Goes to War, musical comedy/drama by John Gray & Eric Peterson. Based on the true life story of William Bishop, a young Canadian who became the most decorated fighter pilot in WWI. Columbia Actors' Rep production. Opens 3/4 at 8 pm, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm, thru 3/29. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Tix $18. Info/res: 861-8972.
Together Again—Sid Caesar & Imogene Coca, legendary comedy team, bring their acclaimed eve of music & comedy to the Marines Memorial Theatre for a limited run—8 pm Wed-Fri; 2 & 8 pm Sat; 2 pm Sun; thru 3/22. 609 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: (415) 771-6900, 1-800-800-TIXS, or (510) 762-BASS.
Blue Window by Craig Lucas. Play takes a look at the lives of a group of disconnected New Yorkers who meet at a neighborhood party. Hillbarn Theatre production. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm. 3/5-28, with Thurs eve performances on 3/5 & 12, Sun matinees at 2 pm on 3/15 & 22. Tix $9 gen'l, $7 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 349-6411. Hillbarn Theatre, 1285 E. Hillsdale Blvd, Foster City.

RESOURCE GUIDE

AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.
ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7:30 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.
ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.
New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.
AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.
AIDS Info BBS. Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by & for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs, 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.
AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.
***Directory: HIV Clinical Trials** in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & iists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.
The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.
AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.
People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.
Center for Positive Care (HIV Early Intervention Resource Ctr) offers multicultural & multilingual outreach, intake assessment, case management, education & psychosocial support services to newly-diagnosed HIV positive people and people with AIDS. 3180 18th St at Folsom, SF. Info: 476-3644.
California Partner Study/UCSF offers support, education, testing, lab work and physical exams for bisexual men and their female partners. All services are free. Eligible couples must have at least one member who is a person with AIDS/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: 845-2331 or (800) 262-2430.

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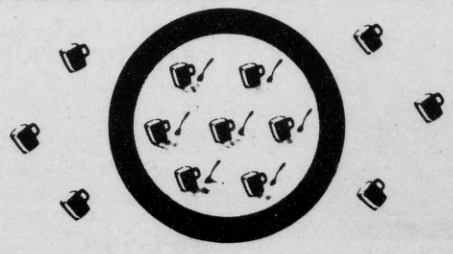

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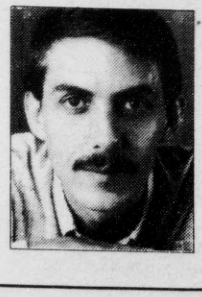

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AIDS Care Study/UCSF seeks to interview men & women who are currently caring for a friend, partner, or family member with AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection. The study looks at the difficulties & rewards of caregiving and assesses the availability & use of services for PWAs & caregivers. Participants are interviewed 3 times over a one-year period and are paid $25 per interview. For details call 476-7732 or 476-7733.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info. Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives. Support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. 7 pm at 1855 Folsom St at 15th,, SF. Room 521. For mtg days & other info contact Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 821-8764.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services deals with issues & problems surrounding AIDS & its impact on the people of color communities. Provides support groups for African American men & men of all colors. Also provides transportation assistance (to medical appts & to pick up medication) to HIV positive African American men in SF & Oakl. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Support Network: emotional support for persons with AIDS or ARC & their loved ones, outreach & education. Info: 457-AIDS.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Thurs 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market ,St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369. Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Theater classes (theater games, improv, production, both beg & adv folks are welcome), art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-1701. All events are free.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

St Dominic's AIDS/ARC/HIV+ Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos House: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Multiple Loss Support Group spons by Kairos House. 6-wk group meets Mon, 7:30-9 pm. For gay men who have experienced multiple losses during the epidemic. Facilitated by Paul Shearer, LCSW. Info/reg: 861-0877.

Day Group for Caregivers spons by Kairos House: Wed, noon-1:30 pm. 8-wk group for professional & non-professional caregivers. Facilitated by Steve Galper, ACSW. Info/res: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430.

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

HIV Positive Veterans: support group for vets in any stage of HIV infection. Monday eves, free. Vet's Ctr, nr 19th St BART, Oakland. Info: Mike Rankin (510) 273-7331.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "GatherRound" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. Call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for an appointment: 291-5454.

AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

- **Emergency Health Fund** spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

The Healing Circle: safe, supportive space for anyone on a path of self-healing & love. Large group of about 100 meets Thurs eves, 8-10 pm at 60 Brady St, (one block up from Market/Gough), SF. Use sharing, sing-

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ing, meditation, visualization, hugging & laughter to create a powerful experience of love & support. Info: Bill 864-6638.
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Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.
HIV Negative Support Groups: testing negative is great, but can present problems of its own. Some become so fearful that they give up all sex; others are others are overwhelmed by the pain of watching their friends & lovers die. Get support to deal with "survivor guilt" and others issues surrounding testing negative. Reply with name, address & phone number to Groups, c/o Pierre, PO Box 0884, SF CA 94143-0884. All replies are confidential.
Soul Ventures: a social/networking service supporting the Bay Area HIV/PWA community. Includes dating service & social events. For free brochure & other info call 543-2520.
The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.
Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP): a grassroots group centered in the lesbian & gay community. Presents art exhibits, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. For info on current activites contact CSAP, Box 42, 2370 Market St, SF 94114.
STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex (whether you're a beginner or have lots of experience), coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.
Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.
Lesbians Living with HIV Concerns: Safe place to meet weekly for ongoing support. Drop-in. Facilitated by Susan B. Foster, MA. 5 pm, Saturdays. Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St #201, SF. Info: 565-7667.
African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.
American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.
AIDS-Vision Loss Support Group: ongoing, wkly group open to anyone with AIDS-related sight loss. Focus of group is on how to cope with and adapt to lowered vision while living with HIV. Bi-weekly mtgs, 1-2:30 pm at Rose Resnick Ctr for the Blind & Visually Impaired, 1299 Bush St at Larkin, SF. Transportation available, call 441-1980 for details.
In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.
Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.
Free Tax Assistance to Persons with AIDS & ARC, offered by SF AIDS Foundation. Trained volunteers from TAX AID program help you with your 1989 federal & state tax returns. To qualify an individual must have earned $16,000 or less, with no more than $2,000 for each family member. For info call 864-5855 and ask for the on-duty social worker.
Tai Chi Workout: One hour of slow, simple exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan movements. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Free to HIV+ people. Info: 255-0265.
Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).
EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.
Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.
Persons With AIDS Theatre: Offers workshops & support groups; plus stage performances, fundraisers. All theatre staff are volunteers, all services free. 140 Page St, SF. Ste 3. Info: 863-1632.
Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.
Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF.
Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

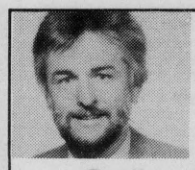
Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.
Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.
Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244
Orchid Women's Recovery Ctr: 12-bed, residential, peer-oriented, alcohol program for women, and women with children (ages 2-12). Services include women's issues, family & alumni groups, recovery & re-entry planning, alcohol-related education, follow-up-groups and more. 1342 E 27th St, SF. Info: 535-0611.
Mills-Peninsula Hospital Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment program. Confidential. Two blocks from BART in Daly City. Info: 696-5544.
Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.
Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.
Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.
AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.
Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.
STOP at SF General Hospital: The Stimulant Treatment Outpatient Program offers help for people with cocaine dependencies. Nonjudgemental treatment includes five-days-a-week group counseling. 12-week commitment required. Program includes the optional use of medication as part of a research project exploring the use of medication to reduce cocaine cravings & use. Call 821-8616 for info. First-time & longterm users are both eligible.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.
Self-Help Food Group for Women: More depth than Weight Watchers, more commitment than OA. Support to work your way on your food issues. Not a diet group, not an anti-diet group. Info: 826-9423.
Men's Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Wednesday. For info on OA meetings for gay/lesbians & others call OA Hotline: 776-1457.
Drop-in Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.
Fundamentalists Anonymous support group: explore the experience of having once been a fundamentalist Christian with others who've been there, too. Call 832-2334.
Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.
Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.
Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.
Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion: Ongoing self-help group meets weekly in SF & Eastbay. 16-wk commitment required. Info: Jay (510) 547-8439.
Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous 12-Step meeting meets every Mon at 6:30 pm, Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. 1st door on left.
Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.
For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.
Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.
Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.
North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Bisexual Women's Support Group meets in SF every other Sun from 7-9 pm. Not a therapy group. Occasional social outings. Info: Jane 387-0109.
Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Marin Bisexual Women's Support Group: meets 2nd & 4th Thurs in San Anselmo. Info: Cindy 456-4192.
North County Bisexual Support Groups: Side by Side provides peer support for bisexual men & women. 7-7:30 pm social, followed by mtg until 9:30, then short social time. Group discusses any issues brought forth by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome. Sonoma County: Every Thurs night, call



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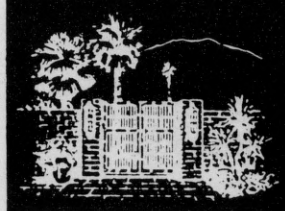
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Dena (707) 523-2036 or Colin (707) 823-2990. Mendocino County: Coed group 2nd Fri of each month, women-only group 4th Fri of the month, both groups are in Ukiah, call Colin (707) 823-2990 or send SASE to Free By Choice, PO Box 111, Calpella CA 95418.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. Meets Wed eves, UC Berkeley campus. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm 1st & 3rd Mon of each month, at the Bison Brewing Co, 2598 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley, for food, drink & conversation. Bisexuals & all bi-friendly people are welcome. Info: Susan (510) 524-0574.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets Mon 7:30 pm. Info/location: Steve (415) 968-5902, Liz (510) 857-1044.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Bisexual Artists: Social group for bisexuals with artistic, musical, literary or performing talent. Biweekly mtgs, SF location. Info: Steve 756-8431.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Spring Whiptail Event: Submissions sought from local lesbian film & video artists. All work considered. Call ASAP for details, leave message—267-6979. Deadline: 4/1.

In Praise of Poetry: Annual poetry contest seeks submissions. Cash prizes given: $50-$10. For rules & other info send SASE to In Praise of Poetry, PO Box 1234, Healdsburg CA 95448. Deadline: 5/1.

Lesbian Contradiction seeks women's non-fiction writing, graphics & cartoons on the subject of sex & gender. Possible questions: Who is a real woman? How did you feel about being a girl when you were little? Ever doubted your sex? What's the connection between gender & sexual orientation? What does butch & femme mean? Are people ever confused about your gender? For more info or to send submissions, write: LesCon, 584 Castro St, Ste 263, SF 94114. Deadline: 4/15.

From Wedded Wife to Lesbian Life: Stories of Formerly-Married Lesbians. Persoal narratives, short autobiographical fiction, poems, before-and-after photos sought for anthology. Send SASE for guidelines & submissions to editors Deborah Abbott/Ellen Farmer, 1515 Capitola Rd, Ste E, Santa Cruz CA 95062. Deadline: 7/15.

SEXART Salon: Submissions sought for a series of pansexual multi-disciplinary events including readings, prose, poetry, theater, performance art & sex-related slideshows of artwork. David Steinberg & Mark I. Chester, artists interested in sexual art, seek submissions & proposals of art that hits the crossroads of sex, art and theater. Info: Mark 621-6294 or write POB 422501, SF 94142.

Theatre Rhinoceros is accepting submissions for a new theatre piece exploring gay & lesbian weddings. The focus of the piece is on the diverse ways gays choose to commemorate their unions, as opposed to their straight counterparts. Short scenes, monologues & songs exploring the subject from different angles are sought. The project is directed by Paul Sagan and will be workshopped in the Studio Theatre in spring of 1992. Send submissions to: Theatre Rhinoceros, The Wedding Project, 2926 16th St, SF CA 94103. For more info contact Doug Holsclaw 552-4100.

Bonehead & Betty: A Lesbian Outlaw Anthology: Tribas Publishing Group seeks submissions of short stories, poetry, articles and visual art depicting butch/femme/rude girl/tomboy and general gender fuck lifestyles. Send inquiries & submissions to Tribas, c/o Ruby Fowler, 408 Haight St, SF CA 94117 or call 621-4366.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Closed Christmas Day. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game & Card Night: A Sat night lesbian & gay alternative. Every Sat from 6-10 pm starting 2/1. Pacific Center, Berkeley. Bring board games, cards, and friends. Info: (510) 548-8283.

► HEALTH

PAP Tests at City Clinic: also diagnosis, treatment & counseling, for vaginitis conditions, enteric diseases. Screening & referral for AIDS. Bilingual (Spanish) staff available. Confidential, low cost services. 356 7th St, SF. Info: 864-8100.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: low-cost, nonprofit clinic. Offers special services for people with HIV, fertility program for women & men who are trying to conceive. Also offers Chinese & American herbal preparations. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate ,health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 6-8 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 & over, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: non-profit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

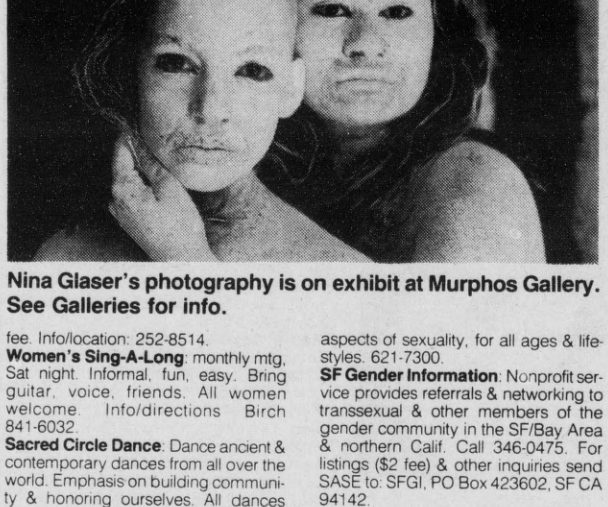
► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Lesbian Life-Drawing Group. Multicultural group meets every 3rd Sun of the month. Models provided. $5-8 SL fee. Info/location: 252-8514.



Nina Glaser's photography is on exhibit at Murphos Gallery. See Galleries for info.

Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.

Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.

Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9784.

Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.

Beam-In: The Bay Area Gay Trekkies & Science Fiction Group meets on the 4th Fri of each month at 8 pm for potluck & discussions. All Federation members (male/female) are welcome. Leave name/number at 773-9389 or write Beam-In, 151 Castro St #151, SF 94114-2588 for location & other details.

Dark Shadows Club: Monthly gatherings. Videos, potlucks, fun. Various Bay Area locations. Call Neil 255-7672 for info.

Genealogy Discussion Group meets monthly for exchange of ideas, information & research leads. Group interests vary from the Azores to Mayflower lineage. All are welcome, from beginners to professionals. Mtgs on the 3rd Sat of each month at 1 pm. For info/location: Larry Burnett 647-0637.

Sheep's Clothing: Informal group of women knitters meet fortnightly in SF to discuss everything from wool to world events over knitting, in the best Ladies' Sewing Circle and Terrorist Society tradition. Info: Gretchen 647-2017.

SF Cable Stitchers: Informal group of male knitters meet biweekly in SF to knit, talk, swap ideas & start a design collective. Info: Peter 824-7828.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club, the Bay Area chapter of a nationwide group of Gay Hams, meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Hams & those interested in learning more about the hobby are welcome! For more info call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.

Antique Lovers: Group to discuss, compare & trade antiques & collectibles. Info: Marjorie 587-7210 (leave message).

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

Looking for a Job? The Public Interest Employment Service publishes a twice monthly Public Interest Employment Report which lists paid jobs available in progressive nonprofit organizations. The Employment Service is coordinated by a lesbian, and includes info about jobs at a number of lesbian/gay/bisexual/AIDS/HIV-focused organizations. For more info on the Employment Service or to subscribe to the Report, call 565-4695. Services are free to employers.

Disabled Job Seekers Services at Rose Resnick Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired. Employment counseling (focused on interview & self-marketing skills, resume & application writing) and job search support group offered. For details call Linda Greenberg 441-1980.

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. Call 346-0475. For listings ($2 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 864-7233.

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

The Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Call (510) 841-6224.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. *Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: Larry Brinkin 252-2500.

Emergency Food Box Program provides 3-day supply of nutritionally balanced food to those in emergency situations. Info: 621-7575.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, proper procedures, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available for events, conferences, wkshops, etc. Info: 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors. SFWAR also does advocacy & educational work & holds house meetings where groups of women discuss concerns & fears, & ways to prevent rape. For info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call 843-9249.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Incest Survivor Groups: both mixed women's groups & those for lesbians in recovery from drugs or alcohol. Phase 1 & 2 groups. Iris Project, 333 Valencia St, Ste 222, SF. Info: 864-2364.

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:30-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Lesbian Partners of Sexual Abuse Survivors: 12-Step Group. Thurs 7:30-8:45 pm at Bethany Methodist Church, Clipper & Sanchez St, SF.

Incest Survivor Group for Lesbians: 2nd phase group for lesbisn who identify as survivors of incest & childhood sexual abuse. Group for lesbians who have successfully completed a first-phase group. Focus on sexuality. Must be in individual therapy simultaneously. Mon 1:30-3 pm. Info/intake interview: Call Alesia Kunz, MFCC at Operation Concern Mon 1:30-3 pm, 626-7000. SL fee.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have been in a battering relationship, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Info: Rene 863-3315 - or Christina 346-0267.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a support group for lesbians who have been emotionally, sexually and/or physically abused by their partners. Free. Call 593-8622 for info.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Gay/Lesbian Parenting Group, a support group for lesbians and gay men who have children, or who wish to become parents. Newsletter, potluck socials, outings, discussion groups. Info: Malke (510) 562-1574, or write LGPG, PO Box 410221, SF CA 94141.

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birth-mothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

Childbirth Education for lesbian families. Small group or individual classes available. Info: Suellen Sleamaker, RN, MHS, Lyon-Martin Parenting Project childbirth educator. Info: 826-4489.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.

Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

30 Somethin' Group: Social/support group for professional African American

lesbians, ages 30-39. Monthly events: mtgs, wkshops, potlucks, movies, etc. Clean & sober space. Meets 1st Tues of each month. Info: (510) 832-2638 or (510) 601-5904.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

Mujero, Bay Area Latina Lesbian Organization, holds gen'l mtgs the 3rd Sat of each month. All Latina lesbians are welcome. Info/location: 648-1291.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that participates in the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 2nd Sat of each month. Monthly newsletter, "Ambiente." For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 626-8318.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Chinese Lesbian Social Group: for info call 826-2455.

Chinese Gay Group meets for monthly potluck and/or varied activities. Also social group for singles. Info: 776-1892 or 397-9863.

Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Nancy 864-8812 for more information.

Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Service (BAHSES) provides assistance to African American men who are HIV positive—see AIDS Resources. Group spons by Black & White Men Together & Men of All Colors Together.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) support group for men & women of African American descent. Spons social & political functions, facilities outreach programs, etc. Info: Midgett 648-3658, Dewitt 641-7971.

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Theatre Rhino's Drama Workshop led by Donna Davis is now acepting new members. Mar. 7 has info.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.

ALBWN & ALGBN: Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network and Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network. Offers support for women & men of Arab descent and Middle Eastern ancestry. Activities include monthly potluck dinners, discussion of topics of relevance to the lesbian, gay & bisexual Arab community. Three separate mtgs: a women's mtg (Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network), a men's mtg, and a mixed mtg where both men & women gather. For information write ALGBN or ALBWN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch group meets every 4th Sunday 10am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. For details call (510) 482-0787 or (510) 339-1314.

Language Practice/Social Group (Dutch, French, Italian) for people of color who were born/raised in Europe, traveled there, or simply enjoy foreign languages. All fluency levels & other languages are welcome. Open to open-minded gays, bisexuals & transgenderists. Info: 431-3860.

Theater Writing Class for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people of color. Ongoing, see Youth.

► PERFORMANCE ARTS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP), a grassroots group centered in the gay & lesbian community. Presents art exhibitions, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. See AIDS Resources for details.

Community Women's Orchestra: amateur orchestra for women, spons by the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. Wkly Tues night rehearsals. Orchestra gives 3 concerts each season in Dec, March & June. No audition required, but all musicians must have prior experience playing in an orchestra or other ensemble. String players are always welcome, wind players may join if there's an opening in their section. Conducted by Ann Krinitsky. Info: (510) 428-1350.

Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble welcomes instrumentalists of every type & ability for fun & creative musical experiences. Join a musically versatile group dedicated to the growth of our members & the community we serve. Rehearsals in the Eastbay. Info: (510) 638-7399.

Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: Pat Parr 621-3088.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.

Jazz Matriarchy: Networking organization for women jazz improvisers in the Bay Area. Call 647-9544 for more info.

STBS, a nonprofit tix agency operated by Performing Arts Services, sells full-price tix in adv & half-price tix day of show. Proceeds benefit Bay Area performing arts. Booth at Union Square, 251 Stockton (btwn Post & Geary) and at One Embarcadero Ctr (street level), SF. Info: 433-STBS.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Lesbian Visual Artists: A promotional & networking organization for lesbian visual artists. LVA follows an activist agenda, promoting visibility. Produces events, newsletter & exhibitions. For info call 821-2975 or write LVA, 3543 18th St #5, SF 94110.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

Queer Guitar Players: Group of women & men of all styles & levels who get together for musical exchange & fun. Banjo players welcome. Info: Paul 826-0801.

Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance exhibition group. Performs dance routines, human pyramids, gymnastic stunts & cheers at ballgames, parades & festivals. 2-hr Sunday practices. No experience necessary. Info: Michael (415) 474-5486 or Steve (510) 228-7497.

Bisexual Artists Group, see Bisexual Groups.

► POLITICAL

LABIA (Lesbians & Biwomyn in Action) group for lesbian & biwomyn interested in raising consciousness & visibility of lesbian & bisexual issues within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action & education. Multicultural group. Info: 985-7141.

United Colors of Queer Nation: direct action group for queers of color. See People of Color listings for more info.

Outrage! San Francisco. Direct Action. Call 985-7141 for more information.

QueerNET SF: A queer activist networking & educational group committed to the empowerment, expansion & celebration of queer culture in all of its diversity. QueerNET conducts special events & activities to promote queer culture thru outreach, education, art, visibility & consciousness-raising. Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Nation East Bay works to promote lesbian, gay & bisexual visibility and acceptance throughout the East Bay. For meeting times/location and for upcoming actions, call (510) 464-3072.

Feminists for Animal Rights welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call (510) 644-1753.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114. New defamations discussed 1st Thurs of each month, 7 pm, 514 Castro St, SF.

BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

UBIQUITOUS (Uppity Bi Queers United In Their Overtly Unconventional Sexuality): A group of bisexual queers dedicated to promoting bi visibility & understanding within the queer community, working together with lesbian & gay activists in the fight against heterosexism & building a bisexual community. Call Adam 861-7520 or Chrstine 861-0305 for mtg times/places.

Lesbian Agenda for Action: (LAFA) political & social action nonprofit membership organization committed to promoting lesbian visibility. Info: 552-5677.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

War Tax Resistors Support Gathering: 2nd Sun of each month. Keep your money from funding oppression & destruction. Call 843-9877 for info. Eastbay & SF locations.

Berkeley Women in Black: We mourn Middle East violence & the Israeli occupation. We want negotiations now for a just & lasting peace. Join us: Vigil every Fri, noon-1 pm, at Telegraph & Haste, in front of Cody's Books. Info: Ruth 644-0480. All women welcome.

Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group: A national political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals and gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

Int'l Wages for Housework Campaign, Int'l Black Women for Wages for Housework, Wages Due Lesbians, and the US PROStitutes Collective: To connect with these groups, write PO Box 14512, SF 94114 or call 558-9628.

White Lesbians Against Racism: Group provides a peer educàtion forum to confront racial stereotypes & racism in ourselves & in the white community. Group creates space for developing a white racial identity; challenges racial stereotypes thru self-education; makes connections btwn racism, homophobia, classism, sexism & anti-semitism. Info: Yvette 584-5979.

Pallas Athena Network: An open, supportive network for women veterans to discuss issues, experiences, thoughts & ideas with other women who share the common bond of military service. Bimonthly publication, *Pallas Athena*, provides articles of interest to women vets, including letters, fiction, creative work & resource information. All women veterans, regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation, are welcome. A discreet supplement by/for lesbian vets is available. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Write: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

Jerry Brown for President Group in support of Brown's campaign "to take back the political process from private greed & corrupt politics." Call 202-1992 for more info.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: 861-8718.

Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets

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G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.
Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 928-7318 for meeting times & other information.
Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.
Queer Women's Art Support/Network Group: For musicians, writers, visual artists, pagans, etc. Must be serious & commited to your art. Wild women welcome! Donation requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: (510) 533-2648.
Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.
Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.
St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.
Men's Associated Exchange (MAX) is the largest & most active social group for gay men in the Bay Area, sponsoring over 150 events a year, ranging from community service to sports to educational programs. Info: MAX, 564 Mission St #127, SF 94105.
UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.
Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.
Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info call (510) 790-0267.
Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.
Lake Merritt Neighborhood Potluck for lesbians & gays living in the Lake Merritt, Oakland area. Monthly get-togethers, come meet your neighbors! Info: (510) 832-6510.
Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.
Eastbay Lesbian Couples Social Group: Meet new couples for potlucks, movies, games, walks, or other mutual interests. Info: (510) 486-0615 or (510) 655-8542.
Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.
Napa Valley Women's Network meets 1st Fri eve of each month for socializing, card parties, potlucks, etc. For more info call (707) 944-8081.
Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.
Couples/SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call Sam & Ted 929-8402 or Suzanne & Deborah 355-7710.
Lesbian Lunch Brunch: A clean & sober, nonsmoking social club for single lesbians working in the financial district. Wkly luncheons to connect with other women in recovery. Info: 252-0657.
Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.
Soul Ventures social group for the Bay Area HIV + /PWA community, see AIDS Resources for details.
Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.
Russian-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.
Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.
Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.
Party Posse: For artistic, intelligent-types who can have fun. If you can dance till dawn without drugs, alcohol, pot or tobacco and feel comfortable with various racial, gender & orientation backgrounds (gays, bisexuals, transsexuals) write Party Posse, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.
Soft Men Unite! Social group for "proud, gentle, effeminate men" who enjoy each other's company. Meet for cafe conversations, movie-going, roller-skating, etc. All soft men, including men of color, bisexuals, gays, straights, and non-macho female-to-male transsexuals, are welcome. Write: SOMU, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990, attn RK.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.
Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-9355.
Jewish Lesbians & Bisexuals & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, SF & EB locations. Join us for song, food & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Jewish women of color and Sephardic women especially welcome. Info: 647-7209.
Gay Buddhist Fraternity: Gay male Buddhist organization meets on the 2nd & 4th Sun of every month for meditation & for understanding, discussion & support of the study & practice of all forms of Buddhism. Beginners as well as experienced Dharma practitioners are welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 1788, Sausalito, CA 94966. Please include your phone number.
Feminist Women's Circle meets in SF monthly at the full & new moons to explore the many facets of the Goddess. Also networking & classes. Info: Lupa 751-8918.
Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.
Crossroads: Wkly women's ritual & drumming circle with pagan/political focus. Artwork, trance, journeys, singing, music, etc. Previous magical experience preferred. Wed eve mtgs at the Crossroads in Berkeley. Info: (510) (510) 763-5999.
Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.
St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.
Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.
St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.
Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry: Voice & Vision—ministry of advocacy, affirmation & spiritual care. Programs include individual & couples counseling, holy unions, support groups, a ritual group for lesbians, workshops & more. Info: Jeff, Ruth or Phyllis at 553-4026.
Creating Our Sacred Space: monthly spirituality gathering for lesbians exploring feminist spiritual perspectives which honor women's bodies & experiences. Spons by Voice & Vision: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry. Info: Phyllis or Ruth 553-4026.
Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.
American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.
Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.
Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.
Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.
Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.
Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.
Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.
Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.
New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.
MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.
Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.
MCC Santa Rosa meets 11 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor JI Torres. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.
Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.
Evangelicals Concerned-SF: Local chapter of a national organization. EC-SF is a Bible/Christ-centered ecumenical (non-denominational) fellowship & prayer support group for lesbians, gays & non-gay Christians. Group believes that sexual orientation is a gift from God, and seeks to support gay & lesbian persons in the integration of their sexuality & their spirituality. Group spons bible study, healing prayer group, annual retreat & monthly social activities. For info write: EC-SF, PO Box 14052, SF 94114-0052.
Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of evangelical Christian gays who have banded together in a local Bible-believing church where Jesus Christ is Lord. All are welcome. Service: Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Tues at 7:30 pm study in classical Christianity at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Info: 647-0184.
Showers of Blessing Full Gospel Cathedral: A pentecostal church for gays & lesbians. 2 pm Sun mtgs. For info/location: Bishop Tony R. White 771-5872.
Hosanna Church of Praise, a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.

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Daniel Foley portrays 19 different characters in "Billy Bishop Goes to War"—see OnStage for info.

Prince of Peace Community Church of San Jose meets 10:30 am at DeFrank Community Ctr, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.
Agape Christian Fellowship: Group for lesbian & gay charismatics/pentecostals, promoting spiritual, mental, physical & spiritual wholeness. Meetings: Bible Study Thurs at 7:30 pm, Sunday services at 6:30 pm. Info/location: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or write PO Box 192446, SF 94119-2446.
St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.
Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.
Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.
Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.
Women-In-Integrity: Women's focus Eucharist with potluck supper & socializing following service. Join us for fellowship, singing & a meal. Third Sun of each month at 5:30 pm, St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is a lesbian & gay affirming community of Episcopalians & friends. Info: 553-5270.
The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.
Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.
Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 7 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.
Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.
Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. Mass: 5 pm Sat, 7 & 10 am Sun, wkdays at 8 am. Info: 863-6259.
GALOC (Gay & Lesbian Outreach Committee) of Most Holy Redeemer Church welcomes lesbians & gay men to MHR parish. Come join us! For info: 863-6259.
Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.
Peace United Church: All gay, lesbian & straight people, singles & families, are welcome. Two lesbian ministers. Politically aware, justice-oriented, creative community, sensitive to each individual. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible. 5 pm Sun service. 424 Monte Vista near Piedmont Ave, Oakland. Call (510) 486-0625 for more info.
GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.
The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.
First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.
World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.
Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study grou meets every Wed eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes relational (2-person) meditation, reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.
Emerge!, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.
First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets monthly to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.
Gay Religious Science Practitioner in final stage of formal training offers free scientific mind treatments in loving & non-dogmatic context. Call Robert Lokahi 832-7120.
Golden Gate Institute of Religious Science: An educational outreach ministry of the Independent Church of Religious Science, serving the gay & lesbian community. Classes & credentials offered. Write Rev Jon Lindsay, 36250 Easterday Way, Fremont CA 94536 for more info.
Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Delores St, SF. Room 201. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am-noon at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 213. Info: 255-8460.
California Miracles Ctr: Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: 621-2556.
Gay Clergy Support Group for professed clergy. Socialize & network/exchange with other gay religious & clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 654-9719 for details.
SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.
Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.
Baylands Frontrunners Club for Southbay runners. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto. Info: Linda (408) 245-5083 or Jay (415) 858-2800.
SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 285-1260 eves.
Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular 40-mile ride each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD 776-8107. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).
Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5 monthly calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.
SAGA North: Gay & Lesbian Alpine Ski Club. Ski trips & social activities. Call 995-2772.
Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.
SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.
Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.
Sea Snakes Northern Calif Gay & Lesbian Diving Club. North coast dives, certification classes, social events & warm water dives. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.
SF Tsunami: Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim Team. All ability levels welcome to attend 4 weekly coached workouts. Sun 10-11:45 am at King Pool, 3rd & Carroll, SF. Mon 7:30-9 pm, Wed 6:15-7:30 pm and Thurs 6:15-8 pm at Hamilton Pool, Geary & Steiner, SF. For info call Marta 241-9632 or Ken 621-2778.
Premier Soccer: Premier lesbian players interested in playing hard & pretty, call 835-1095.
Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.
Men's Touch Football Group meets Sat mornings at 10 am in Golden Gate Park, SF. All ages & skill levels are welcome! If you played in high school & miss it, or if you never touched a football

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Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.
Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114.
X-TA-C Gay & Lesbian Cross Country Skiing Club: Sponsors one-day and weekend trips to various locations in Northern Calif. Potluck meetings held montly during ski season. All skiing levels are welcome. For details call 330-5485.
Nordic Fun Bunnies: Lesbian X-Country Ski Group. Day, weekend & midweek trips. All styles & abilties (track, backcountry, etc; from novice to Olympian) are welcome! Info: (510) 601-1910.
SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

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Kyoko Takezawa in concert at Mountainview Center for the Performing arts, Feb. 29.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Loss, Grief & Recovery support group for individuals grieving a death. Learn about normal grief, coping with feelings, caring for yourself, giving & receiving support, rearranging your life, exploring future options. Spons by Hospice by the Bay. Free. 1550 Sutter St (nr Octavia), SF. Info: 673-2020.
Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.
Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.
Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.
Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.
Woman to Woman SM: Join the Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women interested in SM with other women. Info/membership: write POB 31266, SF CA 94131-0266.
WSSM (Women Supporting SM) meets in Sonoma County the 1st Sun of each month. Call M for location: (707) 525-9833.
Leatherdykes Support/Discussion/Social Group meets 2nd Thurs of each month, 2 pm. A group of lesbian-identified lesbians into s/m & leather; positive & responsible about sexuality. Group practices safe & consensual s/m sex. For lesbians only. Info: (510) 654-1591 Eastbay.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.
Lesbian EI Support Group: East Bay Environmental Illness support group. Info: Mickey (510) 843-2649, Naja (510) 548-1549, Randa (415) 648-9481.
Lesbian feminist artist support group for lesbians with chronic illness. Meets once or twice a month in SF/Eastbay for discussion, critique, inspiration & support for doing our art despite the limits of our illness. Access to womyn with EI a priority. Both chairs & bed available at mtg. 20 stairs to mtg place. No SIGN/ASL interpreter. Info: Naja (510) 548-1549 or Mickey (510) 843-2649.
Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.
UC Berkeley Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups
Stanford Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups.
Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.
Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).
BASIL (Bay Area Sicilian & Italian American Lesbians). Una famiglia de lesbiche addressing cultural & political concerns of Sicilian & Italian American lesbians, gain awareness of our ethnic identity, resist assimilation into Anglo culture. If you need a pasta mix, don't dine alone! Call Rosemary 237-6207 or Janet 654-3531. Newcomers welcome, half-bloods are OK.
Working Class Lesbian discussion, writing, visual arts group. A space for working class lesbians to share experiences of growing up working class, develop strong working class identity, make links between classism and other oppressions. Info: Yvette 584-5979.
MidLife Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm in SF. Low-cost, SL fee. Spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Info: 431-6405.
Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.
Eating Disorder Support Group for men & women recovering from anorexia & bulimia. Call Tommy 750-9569 (leave message) for details
Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 647-0413.
For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy", "recovery addiction", "incest/battery therapy" and "discussion/consultation groups"**..

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.
Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.
Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.
Grief Group for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings of anger, confusion, guilt. Find strength, support. Meets wkly for 8 wks, lic therapist facilitates. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention. Info: 752-4866.
McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.
Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.
Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans in SF at SF Native American Health Clinic, 56 Julian Ave, SF. All-Indian staff, no problem is too large or too small. Info/appt: Dr Lisa Quinn 532-2933.
Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.
Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.
For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling", "relationship", "recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!
Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618
Flikker Network: Int'l network for female-to-gay male and female-to-bisexual male transsexuals. For more info write to Flikker Network, c/o R.K, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.
Transsexual Support Group for FTMs and MTFs who are permanently kicked out of their families. Gain support, discuss issues including financial survival, transition during recession, developing families of choice. Contact: RK, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.
SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.
Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.

► YOUTH

Gay Area Youth Switchboard: Call 386-GAYS.
LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation Ctr): for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth. Dances, outings, newsletter, etc. Meetings held 2nd Sun of the month at 1853 Market St nr Guerrero, SF. Come meet other youth, have fun! Info: Beth 252-6059.
"Jackson Street," meets weekly, Thurs from 4-5:30 pm. Are you lesbian, gay or bisexual, under 22? Looking for a group that's rap & therapy too? Want to talk about how to survive & deal with issues like coming out, sexual identity, survival, relationships, anxiety about AIDS & other health issues?—if you answered yes to one or all of the above questions, this group's for you! Come find support & help. Group facilitated by Ruth Hughes & Dave Johnson of Ctr for Special Problems. 1700 Jackson St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Franklin St), SF. Co-spons by Lesbian/Gay/Bi Minority Youth Program. Info: Ruth Hughes, 558-4801.
Support Group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning young women of color, age 23 & under. Meets Fri 7-9 pm at CURAS, 347 Dolores St, SF. Ste 113. Spons by the LYFE Program of Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, LYRIC & CURAS.
Under 21: Peer-led support group for gay, bisexual & questioning young men. For mtg times, location & other info call Mark or Alphonso at LYRIC 252-6059.
BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.
California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.
Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves at 7 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.
Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.
Ongoing theater writing class for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people of color, under 21. Wed 4-6:30 pm. Taught by Chicana lesbian writer/playwright Cherrie Moraga, writer-in-residence with Brava! For Women in the Arts. 2180 Bryant St, SF. Info/reg: Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment (LYFE) Program: 565-7681.

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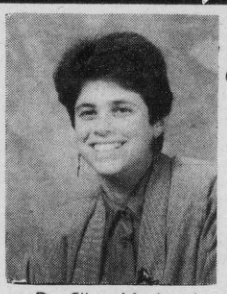

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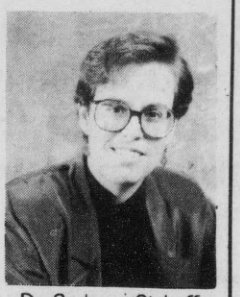

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BEAT THIS

BY DON BAIRD

Top 12 Reasons Why Don Baird Should Win the Cable Car Award

One could well imagine my surprise to learn that finally, after writing columns in this town's esteemed gay papers for about seven years, I have been nominated for a Cable Car Award in the category of Outstanding Critic. Last year I attended the ceremony for the first time ever because I was invited to cast my vote as a part of an entertainment nominating committee. My involvement, along with a few other free-thinkers like Nancy Kravitz, journalist Adam Block and photographer Marc Geller, helped to nominate some very deserving yet often ignored performers such as Bambi, Miss X, Phillip R. Ford, Connie Champagne, 4 Non-Blondes, etc. I believe that our influence as part of the nominating committee ultimately led to Doris Fish winning the Cable Car Award for Entertainer of the Year, 1991, and that magnificent moment when Phil Ford accepted the award and said of Doris, "She's a fucking goddess and a goddamned saint."

It was certainly worth it to me to finally see people who've been giving their all in this town for well over a decade as entertainers finally get noticed—even if that notice was a long look down the noses of the majority of very homogenous homos in tuxedos, glaring at the most glamorous drag-friendly table in the joint as if it were the kids' table at a family Thanksgiving and someone had thrown mashed potatoes at a senile elder. There almost seemed to be a tone of shock, as if we were there to instill an attitude of disrespect toward this age-old community ceremony of honor and achievement. We cheered loud for our favorites, tried not to make fun of the Box Dancers, and as the crowd dwindled, jumped on the remnants of complimentary cheese trays from the more expensive tables that were vacated and stole the place cards of such luminaries as Art Agnos. The highlight of the night was meeting the infamous Jose Saria, the first drag (or gay) to run for public office in SF, back in the '50s. He understood us and quickly was sharing makeup tips. Now that's an honor.

At any rate, by some odd circumstance (it was that darn article on Drug Etiquette, I bet) I have been nominated for my efforts as a critic. I'm up against a number of able nominees, including Kate Bornstein, the one I consider my stiffest competition. It's a public vote by the people in attendance at the award ceremony so I basically can't count on most of my friends' votes; they need to save their money for things like rent and food and eyelash adhesive and AZT and cab rides and drugs. So for you uninformed individuals who don't quite know my work but have a table reserved in the silver ring or something, here's a list of the Top 12 Reasons Why Don Baird Should Win That Cable Car Award:

#1 I actually own a tuxedo and I look quite good in it (as pictured above).
#2 I use more dirty words than the average columnist/critic.
#3 I criticize rock 'n' roll, a noble gesture in the face of a community conditioned to devour Loleata Holloway samples like Marine World seals snapping at mackerel, content just as long as it has a simple beat.

Photo by Marc Geller

Ggreg Taylor (left) and Don Baird staked out last year's Cable Car Awards. Don sincerely wants you to vote for him this year.

#4 I have always covered drag.
#5 I tell the truth. It's so amazing the response it gets. I call a muscle queen a muscle queen and a midget wrestler a midget wrestler and people hang it on their fridge. It sounds bitchy, which is what the people want, but it is all just simply the truth. It's controversial too.
#6 I know everyone, or so I'm told.
#7 I'm easily the only local writer in years to embrace a pro-drug stance with conviction, honesty, concern and an inability to say "No thank you." I'm a drug activist with guerrilla training, an urge to conquer and a special awareness of good manners.
#8 I put out.
#9 I could be the first recipient of the award that is under the age of 30.
#10 Kate Bornstein won buttloads of Cable Car Awards last year.
#11 My astute written observations grow to encompass other aspects of pop culture besides rock 'n' roll, providing insightful social commentary on local issues, politics, community, the times, female heavy metal and buttfucking.
#12 Because I goddamned deserve it for a job well done and I'll have a killer, if not unforgettable, acceptance speech ready, not to mention a chance to apply my good manners to an auspicious and formal occasion. I not only deserve your votes, I deserve your cheese platters.

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Bomb Goes Major

On the rock 'n' roll front, I'm proud to say, as I predicted, local bad boy degenerate rockers Bomb have signed on with Warner Bros. under the management of the same guy that managed Jane's Addiction. I can't think of a more deserving SF band at the moment. They've given their all for so many years and bear the mark of rock 'n' roll lifers more so than any longhaired batch of L.A. street queen pack of lies, wearing their drug addictions and rehabs like medals to sell that wild rebel image and those two-albums-released-on-the-same-day type bands. Bomb is one of those scruffy bands-of-dudes that Nirvana's success has suddenly opened a few new doors for because of the possibility of someone making money with them. However, they've always been great and they're twice as sick, dejected, vacant and visionary as Nirvana could ever be and now more people are going to get a chance to see this. I couldn't be happier and love to say I told you so.

Guitarist Doug Hilsinger told me on the phone that after their showcase for three Warner guys, two of them liked the band just fine but one guy expressed his concern that he had heard that Bomb were militant gays. I would like to take this opportunity, right here and now before massive popularity sets in and it becomes an issue plastered across the tabloids at Safeway, to announce the sexual orientation of the band Bomb. The four-member outfit is exactly one-quarter gay, depending on who has cigarettes and how bad someone wants one. Oh by god, did I just "out" someone? Will someone with a bandana on their head lecture me for the perpetuation of self-loathing closet cases by outing in too ambiguous a manner? Will a record label heavy have me rubbed out for this and brainwash Bomb into the Tracy Chapman syndrome? Do you really care? Good, neither does Bomb.

Look for any and all future dates around town by Bomb if you've never caught their live act, and purchase liberally from their catalogue of already released material on Boner Records, the LP *Hits of Acid* and the EP *Happy All the Time* or the nifty CD package which is an all inclusive compilation of their material, including the lovely and legendary cut "Be a Fag." I would also like to point out to the lucky three or four people who possess the 7-inch single they recorded while touring Europe, a smashing good version of Depeche Mode's "Personal Jesus," that I would do next to anything just for a tape of that, and I have plenty of cigarettes. Ah, the smell of success is so much sweeter when you know that the sterile corporate music industry sorts are going to have to deal and negotiate with people who indeed might be completely insane. I wonder if any of them know that a few years back, a Bomb show usually ended with all players nude and acts of penetration almost commonplace. I bet not.

Enrique at Klubstitute: In an unusual and surprise departure from their squeaky-clean image, on Feb. 29, Klubstitute will feature Enrique signing copies of their controversial #1 bestselling book, *We Like to Fuck.* It is described as a collection of pornographic, hardcore haiku with "tender moments" erotic photos (you know, with soft focus shots of people embracing in fields from Rod McKuen books and Hallmark cards and posters) interspersed with the text. The partial inspiration was Suzanne Sommers' book of poetry, but it seems pretty clear that the bulk of the inspiration comes more from their hot, throbbing members, straining hard underneath all of that polyester and stretch lycra. Heard the news? Enrique want it, baby!

They also will be unleashing their hot new scent, *Fuck Me Now,* with a song of the same name. This bold new star-making tactic puts Enri-

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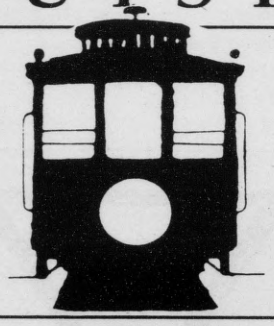

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LOUNGING ABOUT

BY VAL C. PHOENIX

How 'Bout Those Music Awards?

By the time you read this, the Grammy Awards will have come and gone, leaving in their wake the usual winners and losers. Most of them will not be women. I spent some time with a calculator recently and, using an unscientific sampling, determined that a whopping 26 percent of the nominees are women. And half of that is Amy Grant alone! Well, no, it's not quite that bad, but you have to wonder what the voters are thinking. Best record nominees: Amy Grant, Bryan Adams, R.E.M., Bonnie Raitt and Natalie Cole (with Nat King Cole)? Get real! One of the nominees is dead! And that's one of the categories where women fare the best, numbers-wise. Women are shut out of most of the instrumental categories, including rock and jazz. Hard rock and metal vocals? Forget it. Songwriting? Only Amy Grant gets the nod for a co-written effort.

Country and rap actually do better in recognizing women than other musical genres. Mary-Chapin Carpenter, Naomi Judd, and Dolly Parton are up for awards in country songwriting, and women are interspersed in the country group and collaboration categories. Queen Latifah and Monie Love are both nominated for best rap solo for their women-focused songs, respectively "Fly Girl" and "It's a Shame (My Sister)." In the Rap Duo or Group category, Salt-N-Pepa are in there duking it out with the boys. So, all is not lost.

So, what about the women's categories? Pop vocal/Female is a bit scary: Whitney "I am not a lesbian" Houston, Amy Grant, Mariah Carey, Oleta Adams and Bonnie Raitt. I guess Toni Childs and Alison Moyet just don't have the chops—or didn't sell enough records. R&B Vocal/Female boasts the redoubtable Aretha Franklin, Gladys Knight and Patti LaBelle, as well as Lisa Fischer and Vanessa Williams. OK. Moving onto Country Vocal/Female, we find Carpenter, along with Tanya Tucker, Trisha Yearwood, Kathy Mattea, and gay male favorite Reba McEntire. Oh, dear.

I wish I could say the Bay Area does better by its women's talent, but the BAMMIE nominations are just as disappointing. Here the numbers are 10 out of 80 nominations—including the five nominees for Outstanding Female Vocalist. That's 12.5 percent. Breaking it down, in the best instrumental categories, women are shut out of Best Guitarist, Bassist, Keyboardist, and Reeds. Only in Percussion do women make inroads, with nominations for Sheila E. and Lynn Perko. Outstanding Album? Nope. Outstanding Independent Album. Uh-uh. A few women turn up under Outstanding Jazz Album, at least. All in all, it's enough to make you hurl.

The Bay Area happens to be a hotbed for women musicians— many of them queer, I might add. One might—*might*—make a case that with limited access to record companies, women might lose out in nominations. But there are plenty of independent releases to pick up the slack. Just off the top of my head, I can think of Barbara Manning, Tribe 8 and the Mudwimin as performers who released material last year on their own and via the indies. There are more women instrumentalists out there than I could possibly do justice. And many more performers made their mark live, like 4 Non Blondes and Debora Iyall. These nominations don't reflect the full spectrum of the music scene.

Happily, I know of at least one venue where women are welcome. Christi-ON at the Paradise Lounge is doing one night a month showcasing women performers, both all-women and mixed bands. She's the one who put on Femjam, which happened too late for review this time. Get in touch with her if you'd like to perform and get that all-important *exposure*. Let's see the women on stage.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Susie Bright dazzled the dykes with her sparkling personality and perky tits at the Girljock *benefit.*

GIRLJOCK BENEFIT
Chameleon, Feb. 12

The 'zine *Girljock* is great fun, moving well beyond its stated purview of the "athletic lesbian with a political conscience" to entertain lots of non-athletes and dare I say, non-lesbians, as well. The dykes came out to support Roxxie's 'zine and had a hopping good time by the looks of it. The entertainment included Lea DeLaria and Susie Bright, which helped. Jock jokes flew through the air, more so from Susie than Lea, but the mad scramble by some girljocks to help Susie move a table brought out the humor in the situation. Audience participation was the order of Bright's talk. After she spoke about how "out of touch" she was with sexual trends in the lesbian community, Bright dipped into her bag of tricks to display sexercise tools for girljocks. One lucky volunteer was the recipient of a kiss from Susie for her efforts. Then two soccer teammates took the stage for some sexual banter with Ms. Bright, as they demonstrated a two-headed vibrator. One of the cheeky volunteers walked off with the device, putting it to the immediate test in the women's room. Susie unplugged the cord after she finished speaking.

Before all these shenanigans took place, we were subjected to Salut Matelot, a faux French duo updating the chanteuse classics. It's an interesting idea, but the schtick wore thin rather quickly, leaving a buzz of chatter over their musical stylings. DeLaria laid on the energy extra thick, giving a good idea what she's like on white sugar. Watch out! She departed to "get laid," as she delicately put it, before Susie brought the evening to a climax, so to speak.

NO TRACE OF THE BLONDE WORKSHOP
Life on the Water, Feb. 15

Part sociology experiment, part CR session, there wasn't much of the theatrical in this presentation which brought together artistic talents Holly Hughes, Ellen Sebastian, Tiye Giraud, Janie Geiser, and eight young women from Oakland and SF schools.

The better part of the evening was spent with everyone seated onstage, as Sebastian and Hughes attempted to interview the young women regarding their feelings about sex and race. Some of the questions didn't get off the ground, while others produced a flood of self-expression. One young women came out as a lesbian—and a young Republican. Hard to tell how it'll fly as a theatrical piece, but it had its moments.

ENDNOTES...

Did you catch that report on KTVU news on Monday? The one about where women stand? Reporter Anna Chavez actually said the word LESBIAN, not once but two times in speaking with NOW pres. Patricia Ireland, she of the "female companion." In a space of five minutes, the word LESBIAN was said five times! This has to be a record. Asking about the backlash against women, anchor Kate Kelly turned to Chavez and asked, "Has the media contributed to the backlash?" Well, actually, Kate... The exchange sounded planned. A little feminist conspiracy at KTVU? Love it.

Well, it's that time of year again, when everyone makes a pretense of paying attention to women. Yes, Women's Herstory Month and International Women's Day are nearly upon us. For me, every day is IWD, but we may as well milk the attention for all it's worth, yes? Take what you can get—and then demand more, that's my motto. Rock Against Racism and Voices for Choice have assembled an ambitious lineup of shows. (See related story elsewhere.) The graphic they're using, incidentally, which is by Trina Robbins, shows a woman strumming a musical women's symbol, with—what's that?—a labyris looming behind her. I love that subtle propaganda. Yes, we do recruit! Support women's culture year round! Vive la revolution!

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CABARET

BY GENE PRICE

Rhythm and Dance

Two young men, Steve Zee (dance) and Bill Duffy (rhythm), whom we'll undoubtedly be seeing more of, just completed their first public outing, a three-week run at the Performance Gallery. Self-styled in their press release as "two hard-working local talents," they best described my own impression of their two-and-a-half hour melange of comedy and song. They are indeed hardworking, forgetting at times to relax and enjoy their own act of entertaining.

A throwback to the comedic song-and-dance teams of the '40s, this brash duo offers an affectionate refresher course in what vaudeville was all about. Talented as they are, they need a director who will cut, trim, excise and revamp some of their skits into a 90-minute format. When they're good, they're good, but given the public's short attention span, less is more.

The script's original lyrics are attributed to Steve Zee, whose tapping is remarkably fast and technically precise—if not always loose-limbed and air-borne in the manner of Astaire or Kelly. Though his sand box dance is ordinary, his final tap number offers some spectacular footwork on a set of mini-stair steps. As a comedian, his vocal delivery is delightfully reminiscent of Jack Benny's "slow burn" technique with a touch of Groucho's growl. He also handles most of the singing with a disarming eagerness to please that tends to cover a lack of projection.

Bill Duffy is the pianist/composer who wrote six of the original songs. (Richard Koldewyn contributed three.) Duffy is funny with his put-upon Stan Laurel expressions, plays with a laid-back sensitivity, and offers a fine balance to the exuberant Zee.

Rhythm & Dance

Nostalgia buffs will find plenty to like in such songs as "Wrap Up Your Cares in Rhythm and Dance" (Chaplin/Cahn), "Nice Work If You Can Get It" (the Gershwins), "Doin' the New Low-Down" (McHugh/Fields) and "Sweet Lorraine" (Parish/Burrell).

I particularly liked Koldewyn/Zee's "Too Much Month at the End of the Money," a clever ditty played and sung by Duffy. The first act jazz sonnet (with some help from Shakespeare) needs trimming, and the big tom-tom number (tapping to drum beats) lacked the bravura snap of the black-stockinged legs of an Eleanor Powell or Ann Miller.

The second act, mostly original music, featured a nice Koldewyn song, "Don't Buck the System," that could have used a little more vocal pizzazz, and Duffy and Zee's nice "Buddy Song." Their most impressive skit was a clever, handsomely choreographed and well-performed film noir parody about the falling out of a Bakersfield song-and-dance team over the same woman. Edited and redirected for a faster pace, this funny skit might well serve as the centerpiece around which Duffy and Zee might build their whole "buddy" act.

Lots of talent on tap here. Just needs seasoning.

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Writers David Arrow and Carl Danielson have now reproduced the French version as environmental theater at the Cable Car on Mason. Rows of seats have been cleared to create a dance floor and bar where the club's habitues can sing, chant poetry, dance, pour wine and sit at ringside tables (or on customer's laps) to crack jokes and perhaps lure you into a ring of dancers.

While I'm not overly fond of audience participation shows, I must report that the tables on either side of me (one was French speaking) seemed to savor every heavily accented joke and turn of Can-Can ankle. There's an aura of forced gaiety that perhaps is inherent in the show's format, and I would have preferred a simple run-through of the musical numbers without so much energy spent on developing audience camaraderie.

The talented cast includes cabaret "owner" Salis (Joseph Lustig) who led off the ensemble with "Here Where the Other Half Live," an original number by the show's writers. Lautrec model Jane Avril (Riette Burdick) and La Goulue (Lyndra Seely) whooped through a couple of Can-Cans, joined in the ensemble vocal numbers, and La Goulue was tossed about in an apache dance by two competing admirers.

As poet and songwriter Aristide Bruant, Geoffrey Blaisdell (in stovepipe hat and red scarf) made a marked impression with three songs, including his risque pimp's lyrics to "In Belleville Menilmontant." Marc Bauman was a fine mime, Monsieur Jules, and John Ferrare was the lead male dancer, Valentin. Toulouse Lautrec (Philip Horvitz) sat at a ringside table where he was courted in turn by each of the club's entertainers. Barry Lloyd accompanied the singers and dancers at the Chat Noir upright.

Ruth Hastings (of Jacques Brel fame) made a guest appearance as Rolande and sang three numbers, the traditional "Jeanneton," "The Song of Rolande" by the show's writers, and a lovely sentimental ditty called "You Said to Me" by Paul Delmet and Maurice Boukey.

The second act featured a drop-in visit from Yvette Guilbert (Stacey Scotte) who, in a clear, bright soprano, sang three of the revue's loveliest melodies, "Bouquet," "The Horse-Drawn Cab" (a clippity-clop novelty number), and the sweetest of all, Giovanni Martini's haunting "Plaisir d'Amour." The elegantly costumed Ms. Scotte was remarkably reminiscent of Louise Rainer's Anna Held in the movie *The Great Ziegfeld.*

Offenbach's Can-Can brought the Chat Noir evening to a close.

At the Cabaret Chat Noir plays Thursdays through Sundays at the Cable Car Theatre. Call 989-9132.

Christine McHugh: "It Could Happen to You"

Christine McHugh, who picked up glowing reviews for her role in TheatreWorks' production of *Into the Woods,* is making her cabaret debut at LoCoco's elegant supper club in Millbrae. She is a beautiful young woman with a fine lyric voice, but her one-woman survey of swing, big band and movie music of the '40s is a disappointment.

Presumably she is responsible for the scripted format, since no writer is credited, and it is both too cute and too trite. McHugh plays Dorothy Sinclair, a young girl with a suitcase who is trying to make it in the big time while trying to hang on to her boyfriend—via phone calls—back home. She is accompanied by Dean Burris on piano. Mr. Burris is referred to as "Sid Fingers." Would I lie to you?

Gowned in red and wearing her hair rolled up in a black sequined snood (a la Hollywood's Linda Darnell and Ann Sheridan), McHugh never quite overcame the initial impression that she was a little girl playing grownup. So intent was she on playing the role of coy Dorothy that she failed to give primary focus to the emotional content of the songs. And *that's* a singers first responsibility.

A number of songs in the program seemed ill-suited to her vocal temperament. Johnny Mercer's "Something's Gotta Give" was delivered with a bright and sassy treatment that came across as a satire on debutante club singers. Her version of "I'm Always Drunk in San Francisco" expressed little other than her own innocence, and her WWII number (made infamous by Bette Davis), "They're Either Too Young or Too Old" lacked the necessary sardonic bite to make it work. Still in a wartime mode, she gushed, "You gals grab your fellas and hold on tight and never let 'em go." Then she sang "It Could Happen to You."

Of her 16 numbers, I liked her moody, contemplative "Black Coffee," and two ballads on which she allowed her feelings to surface, "My Foolish Heart" and "How Did He Look?" Best of all, I liked her last song, "I'm Glad There Is You," which she sang simply, tenderly and with full commitment to the message of the lyrics.

All Christine McHugh needs to do to become a class act is pick 18 good songs, stand by the piano and sing—and most important, believe in what she's singing.

She continues at Joe LoCoco's, Drake's Landing, Greenbrae, Fridays and Sundays at 8:30 pm, through March 21. Call 925-0808.

DINING OUT

BY WILLIAM FINKLE

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Memory is an important tool for this foodie. I remember things like my grandmother's chicken soup, the burnt marshmallows my best summer-friend and I used to dangle from a wire hanger over a campfire, and the little pizzas with a sunny-side up egg on top I used to eat in the Latin Quarter of Paris. So when I first heard of Bistro Clovis, I thought of that 12th century King Clovis of France, lying in a tomb in my favorite little church in Montmartre. For Max Boureille, memories have played a key role, too: from the remembrance of his great-grandfather's Cafe Clovis, near Fontainebleau, Boureille opened his own version of the Bistro Clovis at Franklin and Market Streets. And the tradition continues: Boureille named his son Clovis, too.

Although exclusively a wine bar when it opened four years ago, the bistro soon began serving food in order to stay in business. Boureille acted for a full year as waiter, cook and bartender, taking orders, running to the kitchen, then back to the front to serve his artfully designed food. He still acts as chef, selecting the wines for the thoughtful, comprehensive list, and is very much involved in every aspect of his restaurant. (The bread, from Il Fornaio, is the only thing served which is not made on the premises.)

Polished wood floors, gentle lighting and soft, sometimes distant music make Bistro Clovis a handsome place indeed. Fresh bouquets of flowers highlight the colors found in the original oil paintings which hang above the bar. Bistro Clovis provides a quiet atmosphere for couples to linger over their meals and dine luxuriously. It's an experience worth relishing.

For the appetizers, a terrific **Duck Pate** ($4.90) stands on its own, but is enhanced with sweet onion marmalade and darling fanned cornichons. **Onion Soup "Les Halles,"** ($3.60) disappointed me; in Paris I used to enjoy onion soup bursting with onion flavor and covered with gooey gruyere cheese. This sample, although flavorful, seems to suffer from too many herbs, and the Parmesan cheese tasted canned. My two favorite appetizers were **Coquilles St. Jacques** ($5.50) and **Terrine of Smoked Salmon** ($6.80). The tender scallops dish came with a delectable sauce of cream, wine and cheese, perfect for sopping up with the fine bread of Il Fornaio. The fish terrine, surrounded by *creme fraiche* striped with yellow and black fish roe and herbs, conveyed a pleasant smokiness.

Boureille garnishes his plates quaintly, with tomato-peel roses and sprigs of rosemary or mint, maintaining a balance between the flavors of the food and their finishing touches. It seemed to me, though, that the selection of appetizers was largely more suited to lunch than dinner.

Since I just love Alice Waters' definition of vinaigrette—oil, vinegar, salt and pepper—I've always marveled at Bistro Clovis' **Sonoma Lamb Salad** ($7.50), with its fragrant, sweet sun-dried tomatoes and shaved cheese topping succulent rare-cooked lamb, and lettuces dressed in, well, perfect vinaigrette. And for entrees, why haven't previous reviewers raved about the **Rabbit with Rosemary and Peppercorns** ($10.50)? The super tender meat, braised in wine with mushrooms and herbs, is served in an exquisite cream sauce. ("More bread, please!") Straightforward, yes; but bland, not at all. Some passable rice and a sort of ratatouille came alongside, but neither wowed me. Another dish, **Smoked Salmon Crepes with Mushrooms** ($9.60), came with thin strips of salmon, with that same delicate smokiness, and sliced button mushrooms wrapped in light, golden pancakes. Rosettes of fabulous cold hollandaise smoothed over the saltiness of the fish. **Ahi Tuna, Basque Style** ($12), although not the freshest I've had, won me over with its tangy marinade. The accompanying saute of vegetables with cumin almost overpowered the fish. I think the starches and vegetables would benefit from some fresher ideas, perhaps simpler items, which the kitchen certainly executes well.

For dessert, **Tarte des Demoiselles Tatin** ($5.70), that famed apple tart, invented accidentally when Mlle. Tatin dropped the prototype upside-down on the floor, shines at the Bistro Clovis. Baked to order (preparation time is 15 minutes, so be sure to order when you finish your entree), this light pie of caramelized apples, puff pastry, and *creme fraiche* arrives warmish-hot to the table, and is the perfect dessert. **Creme Chocolat Grand Marnier** ($4.50) has an extremely long "finish," employs the finest (Valrhona) chocolate, and feels deceptively light. The **Souffle Glace Nougatine** ($3.90), a delightfully different dessert, is a creamy iced souffle studded with bits of sugared almonds in a pool of fresh orange marmalade sauce.

Coffee at Bistro Clovis combines French tradition with the East Bay's finest retro-technology: The beans, from Mr. Espresso in Oakland, are wood-roasted the old-fashioned way (today almost all beans are roasted in gas ovens) for extra mellowness. This produces a fantastic cup of espresso, with that foam floating on top which says to me that I'm drinking a first-rate cup.

Bistro Clovis retains its flavor as a wine bar, offering a daily "tasting" of three wines, with two-ounce glasses of each presented in adorable wooden racks. Early in the week you might find a bargain, as we did with the Amador Zinfandel tasting: a selection of wines from three different vineyards for $4.90. In the later part of the week, *premier crus* (first growths, the very best) from Bordeaux are the focus, with a triple tasting priced at around $15. The wine list includes many favorites from France and California, with a range of tastes, varietals, and price tags. The Volnay 1987 ($50), a simple yet sophisticated and well-balanced red Burgundy with a dazzling color, pleased us greatly and fared well with the delicate specialties of the kitchen.

Elegant food and wine are served at the Bistro Clovis with an ease of style and an absence of the pretension found elsewhere. Reasonable prices, tasty and authentic bistro food, and a warm and polished environment heighten the enjoyment. Max Boureille honors his great-grandfather by maintaining an excellent bistro, evident in many details. Thank you, Max.

Beat This...

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que right into the Liz Taylor, Cher, Blake Carrington realm of superstars with supersmells. I doubt it will overpower the musty smell of sex emanating from the nether regions of D'arcy, Jason, Fifi and Fufu (the latter two names, Enrique's glorious and lovely dancers, are also Cable Car Award nominees for outstanding dance group, but they'll probably get edged out by the Foggy City Cloggers or something). It's time to face facts; Enrique is a sex machine.

Also on the evening's bill is Deena and Billy's "Bouffantasy," a performance, fashion and Hairstyling Ball with "The Glamour A Go-Go Show" featuring hair by Deena Davenport, the ever-lovely, supertalented star of such queer cabaret greats as *The Poseidon Adventure* and *The Shining, The Musical,* who also styles wigs and hair like nobody's business, fashion by the perfect example of a true renaissance drag queen, Billy De Herrera, and makeup by Stephanie, a grease-paint tradition with the Sick and Twisted Players and also the rumored Mistress of the King, Elvis Herselvis. Plus more makeup and modeling by Johnny Kat and Flynn, last seen together as Laura Dern and Willem Defoe in *Wild at Heart* for the completely electrifying scene in a hotel room in Big Tuna. The people involved in this show possess talents that take my breath away on so many levels that superstardom seems merely waiting around the corner. If you know them then you must be a star, but with the tease of a wig, the slant of an eyeliner pencil and a bolt of fabric, they'll make you one. This event rates a don't-miss

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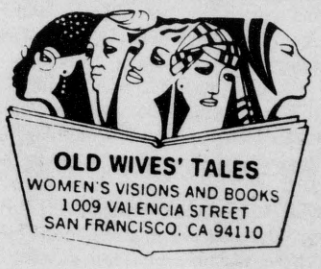

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Whatever Happened to B.B. Jane?

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

"I'd love to kiss you, but I just washed my hair."

I ask you, can any camp musical that steals that old Bette Davis line be all bad?

Created, directed and designed by Wayne Buidens, *Whatever Happened to B.B. Jane*, the outrageous musical spoof of the Davis/Crawford movie heads into its final weekend at the Victoria Theatre. It's a mixed bag of drag, slapstick comedy, scenes lifted directly from the movie, and some gratuitous appearances in cameo roles by such as Marilyn M. (Billy De Herrera), Tallulah B. (Russell Blackwood), Ethel M. (Mark Sargent), Ann M. (David Nash), and other stars of stage and screen too shy to use their last names.

Except for the splendid two-story set (the Hudson house entry hall and Blanche's upstairs bedroom), *B.B. Jane* would be much more at home and certainly more enjoyable in a cabaret setting or more intimate theater. The chilly ambience of the Victoria Theatre is not exactly conducive to audience participation—which is encouraged. If you know the next line, shout it out. And they do, Blanche, they do.

Paul Anelli (Miss Ann Drogynous) is the glamorous Blanche Hudson, ex-movie star now confined to her wheelchair and the torments of her mad sister, B.B. Jane (Matthew Martin). Both are off-the-wall caricatures of Crawford and Davis and both are deliciously funny. Their maid, having escaped from *another* movie, is Elvira (Harriet Anderson-Heinrich) and she's fine until dispatched to her unearthly rewards by a lethal conk on the head from B.B. Jane.

Brian Linden is Edwin Flag, who comes to help B.B. get her comeback act together, and Richard Sanchez is Delvine Flag, his incestuous mother. Practically everybody is double cast.

The Hudson sisters are surrounded by a large cast of neighbors and passersby who have little or no reason for being on the premises. On the screened-off porch next door, for instance, the fag hairdresser (why couldn't he have been a straight hunk, just this once?) is attacking dancer Ann M.'s hair. "Make it big and stiff," she screeches. "Hold still," he commands, "you know how it cracked last time."

They come, they go, gossiping, dancing and singing right into B.B. Jane's living room while she's trying to dust. She pops her eyes at them and in a froggy voice that fastened a thousand seat belts cries, "What the hell is going on around here. Who *are* these people?"

Yes, movie fans, Blanche is served a small portion of pet canary, and yes, there are still rats in the Hudson basement. Plus lots of costume changes and musical numbers. Blanche and Jane sing "Sisters" (bring extra Kleenex!) and top it with a sibling-rivalry version of "Anything You Can Do." Ann M. leads the ensemble through "Too Darn Hot," and B.B. Jane taps up a storm to "I Get a Kick Out of You," while Blanche lies on the floor upstairs moaning "Who *are* these people?"

With the plot kettle boiling over, B.B. finally says, "Blanche, we're going to the beach," at which the ensemble is heard to moan, "Oh, shit, another costume change." Within seconds the entire cast is sprawled on Santa Monica Beach (just like in the movie except Tallulah is giving head to a policeman). Blanche rouses herself to sing "Wind Beneath My Wings," asks for a Pepsi, and flops over dead. The ensemble sings "Love Changes Everything."

The basic problem with this uneven production of *B.B. Jane* is a wide divergence of talent on the part of the ensemble. A number of the actor/singers simply couldn't be heard beyond the first few rows. I'd have been happier too with fewer extraneous characters, another dance number for Matthew Martin, 20 minutes lopped off the overall length, and a more intimate setting.

Whatever Happened to B.B. Jane runs through March 1 at the Victoria Theatre. Call 626-7544.

Matthew Martin does a mean B.B. Jane, and Paul Anelli (a.k.a. Miss Ann Drogynous) is the glamorous Blanche.

Anne Galjour: Alligator Tales

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Writer/performer Anne Galjour, who grew up in a family of French-speaking storytellers along a Louisiana bayou, is currently telling her *Alligator Tales* in repertory with a newer work, *The Krewe of Neptune*, at the Climate Theatre.

Young, pretty, ingratiating, Galjour enacts mythic backwoods vignettes of passion, violence, revenge, and casual encounters that are layered with sexual innuendo. In "Momma Said to Burn It," a divorced woman meets her ex-husband's new wife at a party. Discovering the new wife passed out in a bedroom, she cuts off her rival's long braid, takes it home and burns it on the barbecue.

In "Caiman (Alligator)" a single woman is accosted in her backyard by a man from her past. Cajoled into inviting him to share her dinner, she first feeds him and then commits an act of violence in retaliation for a dark episode in their past.

"Le Boucherie" is a modern fairy tale of a young girl picking blackberries who comes upon a stranger in the backwoods. He has just slaughtered a pig and invites her to share his "cracklins." It's a story of innocence tested, of unspoken challenges, and of a commitment to secrets.

The longest story, "Pour L'Amour De Marianne" is the tale of a young woman who mysteriously comes to live with and bear the children of a neighbor to the storyteller. One day the woman discovers her personal belongings (which have long been hidden from her) under the front porch steps. She gathers up their mysterious contents, takes her two children to the pier and waves goodbye to them. "My name is not Marianne," she tells them, "and I already have two children." Freed by her "possessions" from the bonds of her abduction, she swims off into the sunset to find her first home and children. Based on a 1,000-year-old Celtic myth, this re-telling was both moving and mysterious and, because of its potential as the most chilling, was the most unsatisfying of the quartet.

Alligator Tales plays Thursdays and Sundays, *Krewe of Neptune* plays Fridays and Saturdays through March 8. Call 626-9196.

Beauty and the Beast For Flamenco

REVIEWED BY TOM W. KELLY

When it's good, it's fantastic! (And when it's bad, it's pretty bad.) *Beauty and the Beast for Flamenco* at the Phoenix Theatre combines breathtakingly beautiful flamenco dancing, exotic singing and guitar playing as well as a superb set with stilted dialogue and acting. Let's face it. The story is nothing more than a vehicle for some pretty incredible dancing. And weighing the good against the bad, *Beauty*'s stunning choreography and precision execution makes it a show well worth watching.

Whether neophytes or long-time flamenco fans, audiences will marvel at the cultural overtones as well as the technical achievement of these sumptuous Spanish dances. As the Storyteller, Mercedes Molina (Artistic Director of Sangre Brava) narrates when needed, sings with passion and dances with a power and precision earned through years of dedication. Ernesto Hernandez also displays a perfection born of a lifetime of practice—dancing since age four. Unfortunately, portraying the grieving father places the bulk of melodrama on his shoulders. But his dazzling dancing makes up for any deficiencies in the acting department. Molina and Hernandez share credit for choreography.

Essentially true to the age-old fairy tale, Beauty offers herself as the Beast's captive in her father's stead. She learns to look beyond his "beastly" physical deformity and to love him. Her departure results in his death, but her return resurrects him in human form.

Enchantingly sweet and beautiful, Suzanna Mendieta captivates the audience from her first moment onstage. And when she dances she's as graceful as a summer breeze. Complementing her talents is Daniel Genera's Beast. And providing a sharp comic relief is Carole Goodrich as Malvina, Beauty's bitchy sister. Yet *another* terrific dancer!

Kids onstage can be the cutest damned things. But in *Beauty*, this is not the case: they fidget, scratch themselves and otherwise distract. And since they're not really necessary to the plot, their presence is downright confounding.

Again Steve Coleman dazzles with his creative sets, this time conjuring the Beast's haunted palace as well as the casita of Beauty's family. Juxtaposing three-dimensional set pieces with painted backdrops makes possible a variety of locations and lightning-swift scene changes.

So for those of you whose experience with flamenco is limited to a long-gone bug spray commercial declaring, "That ain't no way to kill roaches!" and for you foot-stomping aficionados, consider a night with *Beauty and the Beast for Flamenco*.

Phoenix Theatre (301 Eighth Street at Folsom) until March 22. $9-$12. 621-4423.

Photo by Billy Douglas

Suzanne Mendieta is Beauty and Daniel Genera is the Beast

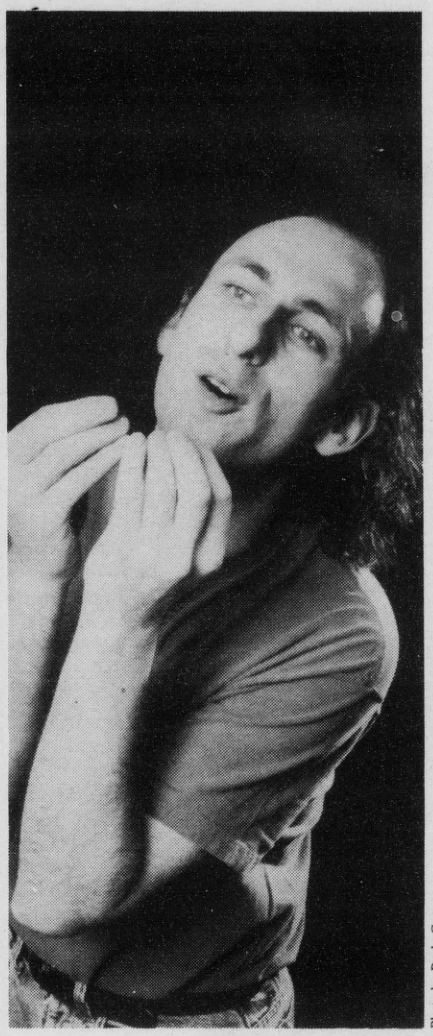
Interpreters

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

One of the most impressive—and deceptively simple—productions I've seen this season is TheatreWorks' West Coast premiere of Ronald Harwood's *Interpreters*, a clever exploration of sexual politics on an international level.

As a woman fighting for her sanity after being rejected both by a lover and the British intelligence agency for which she works, Vicki Willey gives a haunting, cutting-edge performance. She is Nadia Ogilvie-Smith, slightly past her prime and well aware that she is the butt of office jokes regarding her supposedly nonexistent sex life.

Assigned as a translator at preliminary meetings for a forthcoming summit with the Russians, Nadia is pitted against Viktor Belaeve (Tom Woosman), the Russian translator, with whom she had an earlier affair when both worked in New York. Viktor had dumped her then, returning to his wife in Russia, leaving her self-esteem con-



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David Cale performs "Deep In A Dream of You"

siderably scarred.

At the conference table she is cool and efficient. Their agenda is trivial: which wine to drink at the state dinner; which cultural event to attend. It's basic juggling for diplomatic one-upmanship.

When Viktor finds an excuse to visit Nadia's apartment, sexual tension mounts and the old affair flares up. Promising marriage, Viktor outlines an elaborate scheme for defecting with Nadia's help. The clumsy attempt is botched and in a private confrontation with both their British and Russian superiors, Nadia is forced to interpret Viktor's story that his defection was simply a macho fiction to bed Nadia. Her humiliation is complete and, as a security risk, she is forced to resign her position with British intelligence.

Lawrence Thoo is the impassively threatening Russian diplomat and Blake Maxam is Nadia's sympathetic but ineffectual superior. Miriam Babin is particularly fine as the feisty, distrusting grandmother. Ms. Willey's performance as a shattered woman will not soon be forgotten. The clever set was by Joe Ragey. Leslie Martinson directed.

Interpreters continues through March 14 at TheatreWorks' Cubberley Stage II in Palo Alto. Call 329-2623.

Miss Julie

REVIEWED BY TOM W. KELLY

Add a war of the sexes to scenes from a class struggle and cruel power plays abound. But somehow North Beach Repertory's rather tame production of *Miss Julie* makes one wonder what all the fuss is about. To "modern" American audiences, class distinctions are now abstract, and the war of the sexes is usually relegated to bedroom farces. The cruel, sharp edges of Stindberg's characters are too blunt in these performances.

Subtle and utterly convincing in NBR's earlier production of *Bus Stop*, Carolyn Doyle exuded a natural innocence. However in *Miss Julie*, her stage presence radiates sweetness and serenity, clashing with this portrayal of a neurotic woman torn by conflicting personas. Cruelty and sadism battle with codependence and masochism. But admittedly, she's an intelligent, beautiful and talented actress worth watching.

Portraying footman Jean, the ruthless uphill climber, Richard Ruyle struts and ruts with style. His darting eyes and quick movements betray his character's desperation. But constantly forcing a lower vocal register tends to distract from an otherwise strong performance.

Serving up generous portions of staid realism, Merrily Hoopes portrays the cook. Her final scene mixes much-needed comic relief with a chilling helping of religious fervor.

The plot is simple, the characterizations and implications complex. High class Miss Julie desires dissolution, "I want to jump, but I don't have the courage... I want to fall." The household footman, Jean, seeks money and status, "I want to get up... to that nest and steal the golden eggs." The two meet, dance a tango of mutual seduction, hop offstage for sex, and then return to suffer the social-psychological consequences. Power relentlessly transfers from character to character, ultimately spiraling Miss Julie and Jean to utter defeat. Very, very heavy.

Anthony St. Martin's direction makes excellent use of the acting space. However, several character and plot transitions seem forced and/or ungrounded.

Wow! What a set! Marielle Adegran and Torben Torpsmith receive highest praise for their inspired use of this intimate playing area. Their Swedish kitchen, rendered in blues and whites, is an artistic triumph, even boasting a working stove. Now that's realism. And costumes by Rose Plant are once again superb, vividly recreating a time past and a place far away.

North Beach Repertory must be commended for the variety of their repertoire, sometimes tackling plays that other theater companies would cringe from. Audiences tired of silly musicals should consider attending this challenging night at the theatre. And, of course, Strindberg fans will want to compare their vision with NBR's.

Miss Julie, North Beach Repertory, 2801 Leavenworth (The Cannery) until March 14.

Deep in a Dream of You

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

"I know a lake where the fish are warm and the water barely moves. I want to take you swimming in the dark." The voice is husky, caressing, evoking sexual mysteries.

After last year's sold-out run at the Solo Mio Festival, David Cale is back at Life on the Water with his moody, brilliant monologue, *Deep in a Dream of You*. Deservedly one of the brightest stars on the performing arts circuit, Cale's work is intense, sensual, and as beautifully crafted as a musical composition. And he makes his points without assaulting the audience. (His earlier 1987 *Redthroats*, equally well received, detailed the depressing squalor of his adolescence in London and his dreams of escape.)

Cale's setting is a chair, a mike, an expressive face against a flare-out of black hair, and a voice that creates childish wonderment one moment, hoarse lust the next. Concerned with the myriad aspects of human sexuality, he shifts seamlessly from gay to straight, male to female.

His 12 monologues range from brief nightmarish accounts of seeing his mother's hair on fire to an extended telling of an ecstatic, compulsive sexual encounter between a man and a woman in the Forty Winks Motel. Even at its most scatological (bodies smeared with maple syrup, urination, defecation), his language creates visionary poetry as it races toward lurid orgasm.

One of his most straightforward stories, *The Warden Hills*, tells of the rape of a teenage boy by an American sailor. Sexually curious, the boy cruises the sailor, leads him t a secluded spot and unable to extricate himself, is sexually attacked. Later, curiously ambivalent,the boy returns to the tree where the remorseful sailor has hanged himself.

In "Your New Thrill," Cale imagines running into an ex-lover and cannot resist a self-destructive inquiry on the lover's "new thrill," sarcastically caressing the words with tones of cyanide-laced honey.

On a similar self-destructive theme, Cale explores the situation of a woman trapped in a physically gratifying affair with an intellectually inferior lover whom she cannot introduce to her friends. She is both embarrassed and helpless in a passion that flares up at the mere thought of the small of his back.

"Remember" is an incandescent litany of shared memories recited to a lover who is dying of AIDS. Excruciatingly powerful, it's a final promise of "I will remember." With his voice at an emotional peak, Cale pulls back and returns to the lush, seductive images with which he opened his show: "I know a lake where the fish are warm and the water barely moves. I want to take you swimming in the dark." What a loving way to say goodbye.

Deep in a Dream of You continues through March 15 at Life on the Water, Fort Mason. Call 776-8999.

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FILM

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Midwestern Dyke Comes to The City (To Curate the Int'l Gay/Lesbian Film Fest)

An Interview with Jenni Olson

Jenni Olson came to town a little over a month ago from Minneapolis. For the past five years she's programmed the Minneapolis/St. Paul Lesbian/Gay Film Festival, and this year she is the guest curator for the San Francisco event, which is due to open its doors on June 19. Meanwhile, she's in the process of courting local filmmakers as well as international directors, and she's been working hard getting things together for the 16th Annual. The deadline for film and video submissions is March 1.

Some films are already confirmed, but with the promise of screening over 150 selections, the program is still open to consideration and inspiration. As we spoke, the question of NEA funding was hovering in uncertainty. Granting money for the Festival is a big political issue for the NEA this year, and it remains to be seen how things will go for Frameline, the nonprofit media organization which sponsors the Festival. Let it be noted that the San Francisco Festival is the oldest and largest lesbian/gay film festival in the world.

(SF Bay Times) At this point, do you have any big lesbian feature films in store for us?

(Olson) The big lesbian feature for this year will probably be *Claire of the Moon*, which just finished shooting a couple of months ago in Portland and is now in post-production. It's about two women who meet at a Portland writer's retreat and fall in love. I've only seen the trailer, but they're saying it might just be the next *Desert Hearts*. It's an independently financed production by Nicole Conn, who directed it and wrote the screenplay.

The whole idea of big lesbian feature films is problematic. It's hard because with so few features coming out, any time a big film is produced, people have such incredibly high expectations for it. What I'm really waiting for is the big lesbian feature by a woman of color. Considering how funding goes, it might be a long wait.

Photo by Sara Jorde

I really like the short lesbian films which have been turning up. This year we'll have a lot of excellent short work. These are films which are so good, we really ought to be looking at them. In a way, they reflect our realities and the diversity within the lesbian community better. The fact is, most lesbian filmmakers don't have the money to make a feature. It's too bad that people put so much energy into wanting these big films. I like the short work because it comes close to totally redefining the genre categories. These films and videos go across many genres, from the personal to the experimental to the narrative, etc. Sometimes they incorporate many of these elements at once. And they speak to our differences within the community. We'll have all kinds of new short work by filmmakers like Pratibha Parmar, Jocelyn Taylor, Su Friedrich and Sadie Benning.

As for the other features, one which will be shown is a new Austrian work called *Flaming Ears* by avant-garde filmmaker Angela Hans Scheirl. Another film which we've heard about and which we'll try to get if we can, is a lesbian feature called *Christmas in Paris* with the alternate title: *Gang of Lesbians*. This is the first-ever Russian lesbian film and it was just made. All we know about it is that it's supposed to be about a group of lesbos in Moscow who want to spend Christmas in Paris. Then we're working on obtaining some films from Japan, Mexico and Argentina. The big British film which we've confirmed for the Festival is a gay male film by Nigel Finch called *The Lost Language of Cranes* which is a BBC adaptation of a David Leavitt novel.

Tell us something about yourself. How did you get into all of this?

Well, I was a film studies major in college. When I was coming out I read *The Celluloid Closet* and I wanted to see all the films that Vito talked about, like *The Killing of Sister George*. So I put together a film series which gave me the opportunity to hunt down the films. I hooked up with Michael Lumpkin, who has a wealth of accumulated knowledge, and I got together what was to become the Minneapolis Lesbian/Gay Film Festival. It's expanded a lot over five years.

What prompted you to leave Minnesota and come to San Francisco?

The real reason I came, besides for curating this festival, is that I've been working on a database program of lesbian and gay films and videos available for rental. Frameline wanted to sponsor this project, so they applied for funding and got me out here. The database is basically a resource list for film programmers. Source information is so important, and nobody's published this information in one easily accessible form yet. We should have the initial published version out in a year or so. You can program a whole film series from it, so that someone in say, Kentucky, who wanted to do a festival could find out where each film can be obtained and know how to get it. It should revolutionize the promotion of gay film series all over the country.

This past year I've also been traveling to all the major gay film festivals: N.Y., L.A., Montreal, Berlin, Amsterdam. I have an ongoing project called *Homo Promo*. You see, I'm a collector, an archivist, and I put together a program of theatrical trailers from gay and lesbian films from the past 35 years. They go all the way from *Tea and Sympathy* to *The Killing of Sister George* to *Boys in the Band* to *Desert Hearts*, etc. It's a historical study of the marketing of homosexuality by Hollywood. It shows how Hollywood sells homosexual movies to the public, so that it amounts to a kind of crystallized version of what Hollywood thinks of homosexuals. The older film trailers were really sensationalized, the newer films less so. The trailer for *Desert Hearts* plays down the lesbian content and the tagline on it is: "She found herself by losing her heart." There's an emphasis on the guy who is in it; even though he's hardly in the film at all he gets three scenes in the trailer. Obviously they put a peripheral male character in the trailer to tone down that it's a lesbian film. The emphasis is that it's a '50s period piece.

I've been traveling all over with the *Homo Promo* program at international film festivals. I'd like to play it at the Roxie this spring.

One last thing: Frameline is screening a program on March 26, called "Neo-Lesbo Video" at the Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission St. We're showing a collection of recent lesbian work, with some of the videomakers present. Check it out.

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BOOKS

Men Confront Pornography

Edited by Michael S. Kimmel
Penguin, 1991, 340 pp., $10.95.

REVIEWED BY JACK FERTIG

As the title warns, this book is a confrontation. There is quite a variety of viewpoints among the "25 men [who] take a candid look at how pornography affects their lives, politics, and sexuality." Clearly, editor Kimmel is seeking balance. Whatever your viewpoint, you're sure to find some of the essays outrageous and some right on.

Among the various points of view, one sees an interesting dynamic in the argument over porn. Philip Weiss provides an example in "Forbidden Pleasures," wherein he describes his experience as a sometime porn consumer and reporter in Minneapolis covering the City Council hearings on the Andrea Dworkin bill. As Weiss describes it, the ordinance defined a violation of a woman's civil rights as the "graphic sexually explicit subordination of women, whether in pictures or in words." Weiss explains that any woman might claim that she had been discriminated against by material depicting women "as sexual objects for domination, conquest, violation, exploitation, possession or use..." (I, for one, would like to take the Bible in on this law, but back to Mr. Weiss.)

Weiss' abhorrence of Dworkin's arguments is as clear as his defense of his own private pleasures, but he admits to the challenge articulated by gay reporter Tim Campbell: "Men are going to have to stand up and own their use of pornography." Here a variety of men seek to explain pornography, to examine it, or to excoriate it.

One has to wonder about the editor's intentions and selection process, when one of his own axioms is that a problem of male sexuality is that "masturbation teaches men that sex is phallocentric." Of course, the many gay men who enjoy ass and tit play (among other forms of autoeroticism) know better. The sad truth—one raised repeatedly in this book—is that the straight men who have authored most of *Men Confront Pornography* are severely isolated in their sexuality. Scott MacDonald, among his "Confessions of a Feminist Porn Watcher," points out that it is only in a porn film that he can observe another man's erection without fear of homosexual implication. How sad, ignorant and alienated so many of the contributors reveal themselves. Just as Aunt Ida said in *Female Trouble*, "Heterosexuality is a stupid and boring lifestyle."

When *Men Against Pornography* write, "We have to challenge the lies that pornography makes us believe," I wonder what poor man is so weak-brained that pornography can *make* him believe anything? God forbid anyone so impressionable should see *Gone With the Wind*, let alone watch *Crossfire*. It's ever implied, though never stated, that straight men have little other information about their sexuality except what they learn through porn. Scary indeed!

Sex in our eratophobic culture has been defined primarily in terms of the reproductive act of penis-in-vagina. "*The* sex act" is a very specific mechanicism, amazingly so considering the wide variety of sex acts easily practicable, let alone imaginable. Millennia of criminalization and opprobrium of other forms of sexuality have surrounded sex and the portrayal of it, with varying levels of misogynist and/or homophobic terror. The times they are a changin', but how fast can we shake off social structures that reach back to the roots of our civilization? *Sex is active, dominant man fucking passive, subservient woman.* The most terrifying aspect of porn is that it affirms this crippled sense of reality simply by reflecting it.

Or does it? Straight men describe women in porn as being sexually insatiable, ever hungry for what a man (presumably the consumer in his fantasy) can give her. Straight men typically live in a state of frustrated desire and sexual scarcity. Porn provides the fantasy of a woman who wants him as he wants her—a fantasy relief from his usual sex dilemma. Well, we all want to be wanted. Instant reciprocal desire and satisfaction—well known among gay men—is for most straight men only a fleeting fantasy. Aunt Ida was so right!

For some of our porn crusaders, the fantasy that any woman wants it all the time promotes the absurdity that all women want it all the time. Never mind that all women are individuals, and, yeah, some—however few—do want it all the time, but that's no reason to be disrespectful of anyone! To the many isolated and generally misinformed straight men who depend on porn for sexual validation, that stereotypic slut may indeed become Everywoman. The pornophobes aren't entirely without merit in their arguments.

LADEN WITH SHAME

The straight men who confess here to being porn consumers are—with rare exception—laden with some level of shame. Burdened with such conflicted desires, it is no wonder that they are so typically frustrated and enraged about their sexuality. Poor babies. But women and gay men are traditionally the victims of straight men's sexual rage, so this pitiable whimpering is not to be taken lightly. Here the men focus their rage inward, and the self-destructive quality is sensibly frightening to those of us who become victims when the rage is finally externalized. Aunt Ida's observation was charitable.

I must qualify myself here, as a producer and partaker of porn; model, voyeur and erstwhile gruntworker in production and distribution; neither exploiter nor exploited (economics aside!). The gap of subject and object are fully bridged. So it is for most gay men in the conventions of homosex, enjoying penetration from both ends of the phallus. We know intimately and eagerly both sides of the lens, the pen, and the penis. This dynamic, the unity of subject and object, is typical of homosex, and most subversive to the sexism of our institutionalized culture.

The dichotomous alienation of subject and object is at the root of our heterosexist tradition. Within our misogynist culture, women and gay men know what it is to be fucked—in all the meanings of that word. Mr. Kimmel and several of his contributors describe the equation of sex and violence from the perspective of men who have to choose between the roles of perpetrator and protector. They agonize between libido and humanity. What a choice! They still don't know what it is to be fucked. But they do know that they are inevitably fuckers, and they will be fuckers as long as they dare to attempt sexual pleasure. But they are sincerely well intentioned, and this conflict really fucks with their heads. It is relatively easy to deal with the symptomatic evil of porn that reflects misogyny. The true degradation is the sexism and alienation at the roots of our culture, not these easily snipped *fleurs du mal*.

For contributor John Stoltenberg, "Homophobia keeps men doing to women what they would not want done to themselves. There's not the same sexual harassment of men... not nearly the same extent of rape... thanks to homophobia... Imagine this country without homophobia. A woman raped every three minutes *and a man raped* every three minutes." Italics his, suggesting that raping men is worse. He goes on and on. Pity. "...if a man is shown being ass-fucked, he will generally be shown ass-fucking someone else in turn—this to avoid the connotation that he is at all feminized by being fucked." To most gay men of my acquaintance, being ass-fucked is in no way feminizing—*au contraire*.

Porn shows what we would like to see in real life, or more accurately, what the producers think we want to see. Reciprocity in film satisfies a greater range of viewers and has everything to do with marketing; nothing to do with Stoltenberg's distortion of a real dynamic, the equation of sex with violence. A further sign of his homophobia is that his mercifully few references to S/M—which he regards with utter horror—are only in a context of homosex. Stoltenberg, by the way, considers himself a gay activist. But then, so did Ernst Roehm.

In "Pornography and Its Discontents," Richard Goldstein points out, "Pornography is misogynist because our culture is misogynist... it is part of the dialectic between the world and ourselves." Indeed. He is one of several voices calling for greater truth and creativity in a clearly stilted, corrupted medium.

PORN VS. EROTIC

Todd Gitlin joins that small but dissonant choir, with "Porno and the Left." Gitlin points out that the mechanized eroticism of porn matches the mechanization of life in an oppressive society. He calls for an alternative to pornography to be borne of "liberation of sexuality from its oppressive social forms." Then we may have culture that celebrates a healthy eros. "Works would not be sexist... attuned to the complexity of human experience." How to achieve this? Erotic art must, according to Gitlin, be "freed of explicit and implicit sado-masochistic themes... (which) originate in... patriarchy."

Say what? Educated sadomasochists are pretty hep to pre-patriarchal rites of transcendent pain and ecstasy. More to the point, Gitlin would replace all porn with *erotic art*. As Angela Carter points out in her book, *The Sadeian Woman*, porn and erotic art are necessarily distinct and separate (although not mutually exclusive). Erotic art is art for art's sake; porn "has good, honest work to do." Gitlin's proposed erotica is reserved for those with the education and cultivated palate for it. Joel Kovel's "The Antidialectic of Pornography" goes into further detail, distinguishing porn from erotica by citing the latter's dialectical relationship with its audience. Porn is "undialectical" and therefore exploitive.

Liberal intellectuals in unwitting self-caricature, they unconsciously betray through their elitism the men they would liberate. And what, pray tell, could possibly be left of Gitlin's vaunted human complexity—in any artistic venue—once purged of implicit sadomasochistic themes?

Timothy Beneke's contributions, "Interview with a Rapist" and "Intrusive Images and Subjectified Bodies," point out—along with Robert Staples' "Blacks and Pornography, A Different Response"—that men commit rape as an assertion of power. As Staples writes, "when other expressions of manhood such as gainful employment and economic success are blocked... men will express their frustration and masculinity against women... it is the denial of economic rights, not porn, that is in large part responsible for rape in this country."

Beneke takes a more psychological view at how men are made to feel powerless and then take their anger out on women. His interviewed rapist had been deserted by his mother, abused by his stepmother and step-sisters. Selected victims represented his tormentors. In "Intrusive Images and Subjectified Bodies," Beneke goes into detail about how men are torn between messages of respectful restraint and erotic availability. (To his credit, he admits right off he speaks only of hetero men.)

Despite Beneke's caution that he does not want to suggest that women are to blame, this essay starts out sounding like a call to the chador—how inciteful it is for a man to see a woman's thigh or cleavage! "Men feel sexually stimulated against their will, hence powerless, distracted and resentful." But he does go further to explore male alienation in the childhood transference of identification from mother to father. He cites this as the root of an incomplete masculinity based primarily on rejection of the feminine. Subsequently, sex is in his analysis a feminine act due to the nurturance and vulnerability involved. Hence the sexual embrace is masculinized by reducing the woman to object.

We are at least treated to a true diversity of viewpoints. On the one hand, Michael Betzold presents "How Pornography Shackles Men and Oppresses Women," a mercifully brief rant. In the next essay, "Porn as Therapy," Bernie Zilbergeld relates stories of heterosexual, monogamous couples who have successfully used porn to open up their sex lives, to stimulate discussion, and to stay happily monogamous.

And then the pendulum swings back with David Mura's "A Male Grief: Notes on Pornography and Addiction." Mura writes that "There are certain states of mind that the closer one understands them, the closer one comes to experiencing evil. This is certainly true with the world of pornography." Puh-leeeze! Mura writes with a vehemence that calls to mind a reformed alcoholic on a WCTU bandwagon, denouncing the evils of his ad-

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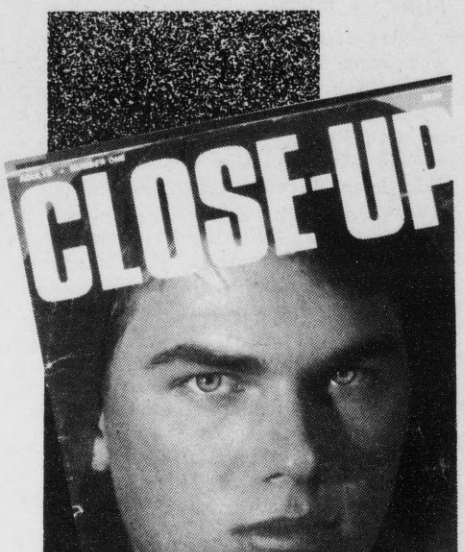

Pornography...

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diction's focus without understanding the personal nature of his own addiction. He insists that it is the object of his focus itself that is evil and irresistibly addictive. Mura provides an example of etiology in a story—ostensibly hypothetical—of a boy molested by his uncle. The boy becomes a porn addict as a result of this. The vehemence and pain in the telling leads me to suspect that the story is autobiographical. Tragic, if true, it is not to be discounted as one person's terrible experience. Projected, as it is, as a universal model, it is dishonest and homophobic.

Jeffrey Masson writes about incest porn. I agree with him that this is a particularly repugnant genre. He cites clearly that the authors' names are transgendered pseudonyms, lending a feminine imprimatur to men's fantasies thinly posed as case histories. His examples are inarguably lucid. The shams are transparent to the point of absurdity. Masson, however, presumes that the typical reader is taken in by this fraud. It's hard to believe that anybody could be so credulous, but the last three presidential elections do bear evidence to widespread, unbelievable credulity. Masson could be right.

Various academic studies are presented in one section, *Enter the Academics*. Dolf Zillmann and Jennings Bryant offer "Pornography, Sexual Callousness, and the Trivialization of Rape" in which they record sexual attitudes of subjects who had been exposed to different amounts of pornographic materials (or to none at all) in their study. Among other parts of the questionnaire, they are asked about prevalence of certain sexual practices, including oral sex and bestiality. Linking these two on a statistical table casts doubt on the researchers' biases. Moreover, the fact that their subjects found oral sex to be unusual, except after massive exposure to pornography, seems a great argument in favor of porn. This study found porn to make people more misogynist.

"Mass Media, Sexual Violence, and Male Viewers" makes a distinction between aggressive porn and non-aggressive porn. Nonpornographic depictions of misogynist violence were included in the study, which finally showed that it was the portrayal of violence, not of sex, that makes men more inclined to misogynist violence.

Looking at the example of a kinder, gentler nation, Berl Kutchinsky's "Legalized Pornography in Denmark" records studies and crime records relevant to the legalization of porn over there. He states that when porn ceases to be controversial it fails to rouse interest in most people. The rise in rape cases since porn was legalized is correlative to the rise in other violent crimes and attributable to other sociological phenomena. In West Germany, when porn was legalized the incidence of rape actually decreased.

PORN OF THE HOMO VARIETY

In the chapter, "Gay Male Porn: Does Sexual Orientation Make a Difference?" John Stoltenberg answers, Not a whit! To Stoltenberg, assfucking is violence, feminizing the bottom and reflective of woman-hating. All men, no less gay men, are "*supposed* to respond orgasmically... to violence and violation, unjust power over and against other human life even if we are the same sex. Perhaps especially if we are the same sex." His horrific description of male sexuality, *especially if we are the same sex*, leaves one wondering, purely academically, what kind of sex does Stoltenberg endorse? Is there anything kind and loving about men loving men? He's also quite picky about how we win any legal victories. Citing the Hardwick case, Stoltenberg argues that "If the Supreme Court had struck down all state anti-sodomy laws because it had accepted the privacy argument..." which, heaven forbid, protects pornographers as well, "it would have done so for wretchedly wrongheaded reasons."

Contrasting opinion from Scott Tucker, "Radical Feminism and Gay Male Porn," provides a refreshing contrast in exploration of objectification as a conceptual necessity, and compartmentalization of labor and other life functions as a necessary part of a complex society. His writing is writerly, insightful and inciteful. He answers Stoltenberg, and less deliberately, Gitlin and Kovel.

"What Porn Did," according to Jeff Weinstein, was to affirm his sexuality when he was young, still in the closet, and just as isolated as his straight counterparts.

Chris Clark poses the question, "Pornography Without Power?" Like Weinstein, he found his first affirmation of homosex through porn and moved beyond into practice. "Power is linked to socially defined sexuality in exactly the same way that aggression is linked to 'maleness'... Sexual power is evident in most straight porn because of the imbalance of power implicit in the relations between men and women. To refute this distinction between gay and straight porn is itself homophobic."

Bingo! Granted, I would substitute *domination* for *power*. Power can mean either *domination* or *ability*. The wonderful thing about sexuality is that it can help us connect with our own deepest capacities, our own truest powers. But *power* in our culture has been defined largely in terms of domination. And sex has been twisted to that end, so it is traditionally an act of domination. But this is the crucial point of the misogyny and violence that does indeed exist in so much porn.

As many of the writers in this anthology assert, porn shows men ever erect, women ever eager, constant fucking machines. How terrible and intimidating, we are told, to be under pressure to perform so constantly. Does anybody fret that Shakespearean soliloquies will make us feel pressured to be impossibly ever eloquent? Ah, but we come back to the isolation in which pornography exists. It is for so many men the sole source of sexual information. As gay men socialize, we move beyond that into a network of sexual exploration and shared knowledge. We can still enjoy porn and still know better.

Straight men are just beginning to look beyond pornography's facade, looking for its reality. We can welcome this effort. *Men Confront Porn* is best read between the lines, wherein one may find the most amazing gaps. But even for what *is* there, this is a healthy beginning—no more, no less. Confrontation is, after all, just a first step toward recognizing and dealing with a problem.

Don't worry, Aunt Ida. You're still absolutely right, but there may be hope for the boys.

Latin Moon in Manhattan

By Jaime Manrique
St. Martin's Press, 1992, 212pp., $17.95

REVIEWED BY KENNY FRIES

If the last book you read was yet another well-written but dull exploration of the travails of yet another unsatisfied upper-middle-class white gay male, I suggest you read Jaime Manrique's *Latin Moon in Manhattan*. Manrique, a Colombian-born poet and fiction writer who now lives and teaches in New York City, has written a witty, delicious, and delirious romp that shows us a part of New York life we do not often get to read about.

Photo by Jerry Bauer

Jaime Manrique

Latin Moon in Manhattan, Manrique's first novel written in English (he is an award-winning poet in his native country), is a refreshing delight. Its rhythms owe as much to the author's Latin roots as to his adopted home of Manhattan. The novel is written with a poignant lyricism that surprises and is laced with a sometimes racy, always funny, lilt.

In *Latin Moon*, Manrique introduces us to a most endearing narrator—Santiago Martinez, a thirtysomething poet struggling to make ends meet, not only financially, but culturally as well. The first part of the book takes place in Little Colombia, Jackson Heights, Queens. Sammy, as Santiago is affectionately called by family and friends, is on a weekend visit to his mother, who lives with her talkative parrot, Simon Bolivar. Sammy spends his weekend talking and eating with his mother, his nephew Gene, who is a nascent cocaine dealer, and the three women who, out of a living room, comprise a would-be Colombian literary society in exile (or so they think), publishing a newspaper, *Colombian Queens* (the pun should not go unnoticed). It is during this weekend that Santiago visits his AIDS-stricken boyhood friend, Billy, with whom Santiago grew up in Baranquilla, Colombia.

In these chapters Manrique is at his best. A hot summer afternoon in Queens becomes the trigger for a languid reverie of a sexual initiation that is the first highlight of the book. The story of Santiago's Uncle Hernan taking him to his favorite outdoor whorehouse (I won't divulge any more here) is told so we feel as if we are with the young Santiago. What in other hands would be a clichéd scene of a young teenager's sexual rite of passage, here seems newly minted. Throughout these chapters we can smell and taste the *pasteles*, savour the secret Colombian spice *guascas*, and feel as tipsy as the characters do after drinking *aguardiente* after *aguardiente*.

And Manrique has a way with dreams. As Santiago naps in his mother's house, his dream becomes representative of his state of mind. Sammy cannot tell if what he dreams about his past actually took place: Did he actually have sex with his mother? Santiago clearly cannot forget the past, nor find its proper place in his present life. It envelops him like the smells of his mother's cooking, wafting up to his room in the morning.

In the book's second part, when the action shifts to Times Square, where Santiago now lives, we are introduced to more colorful characters such as Hot Sauce (nee Rosita Levine), a midget prostitute who saves Santiago from a mugging; the across-the-alley exhibitionist Reinhardt; and Santiago's not-long-for-this-world cat Mr. O'Donnell, to whom Santiago is attached just as much as his mother is to her parrot.

If all this sounds unreal, in this author's hands it doesn't come across that way. Manrique deftly weaves into his narrative a strong dose of the world as it really is. When Santiago interprets for Social Security hearings we see what has become of much of urban America thus far in the 1990s. When appealing their rejections from the Social Security Administration ("the Mecca of the 20th century"), the poor and infirm come up against the aptly named Judge Warpick, who is described by Santiago with uncharacteristic bluntness as "the most despicable person I had ever met." Judge Warpick plays by the rules, and does feel sympathy for those who come before her bench.

It is through Santiago's career as an interpreter that Manrique weaves a major theme of his novel. In Judge Warpick's court Santiago knows that he is "just the interpreter, a vessel of language, the invisible man, a passive and disinterested nonparticipant." And later, when Santiago gets a job at the United Nations interpreting for the Third International Congress of the Security Commission of the Parliamentarians for Global Disarmament, this passivity, this inability to connect with the world, is once again brought to the forefront.

By the time one reaches the closing chapter, where practically everyone who has made an appearance in the novel joins Santiago in his apartment for a wake, of sorts, for his cat, one wonders just what Manrique is getting at. His prose, which truly takes flight when he deals with the past or when Santiago is dreaming—the tone of which is so perfectly pitched for that state between being asleep and being awake, between the unreal and the real—is not as sharp in its dialogue or when dealing with the present. The author, like the narrator, gets caught up in the unnecessary plot mechanics of his nephew's cocaine dealing and his mother's machinations to marry him off to Claudia, Santiago's rich lesbian Colombian friend.

It seems Manrique does not pay enough attention to his narrator, Santiago. Perhaps this is due to the author's lack of self-confidence in the English language. As colorful as the other characters are ((Hot Sauce, his mother Lucy, the editors of *Colombian Queens*), they are not as interesting as Santiago himself. Clearly, here is a man who is intelligent, funny, and has a heart. He is human as much as he feels lost. What prevents him from finishing his epic poem on Christopher Columbus? What does it mean that he doesn't know whether or not he actually had sex with his mother? Does he simply have to let go of his past? Or does he have to better understand it first? How? What is it like to be a Colombian gay man? It is to Manrique's credit that we want to know. He has made us care.

But this is not Manrique's quest in this novel. Perhaps, there is a novel to be written about how Santiago Martinez got to the point where we find him in *Latin Moon in Manhattan*. But Manrique hints at Santiago's way out during the last pages of *Latin Moon in Manhattan*. Alone in his apartment after everyone has left the party, Santiago calls Rheinhardt, his across-the-alley exhibitionist, and invites him over to spend the night. The next morning, while Rheinhardt sleeps, Santiago welcomes a new cat into the apartment whom he promptly names Christopher Columbus, telegraphing that Santiago is now, perhaps, ready to complete his opus.

Maybe I am asking for too much, because the novel's failings do not lessen its appeal. But Manrique is too good—and too original—of a writer to be let off the hook. There is a lot of room for a writer to find his or her way between the cameras Christopher Isherwood wanted his narrators to be and the social activists Sarah Schulman wants her characters to be. One can find similarities (both strengths and weaknesses) between this book and Isherwood's *Berlin Stories* and *A Single Man*, and Schulman's *After Delores* and *People in Trouble*, and perhaps a bit of Voltaire, as well.

In Manrique's writing, there is room to dig deeper. His natural lyricism seems confined by the symmetrical form in which *Latin Moon* is written. The almost farcical situations in which Santiago finds himself do not blend easily with the more philosophical situation of his psyche.

But any author who titles a chapter, "The Cat

Who Loved *La Traviata*," as Jaime Manrique has, is a writer worth reading. In *Latin Moon*, we can read about a world we rarely hear about. And a joyous read it is.

Bay Area Sexuality Resources Guidebook

By Jay J. Wiseman
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REVIEWED BY GRETA CHRISTINA

I guess I should start by stating the obvious: this is a pretty gosh-darned good and useful book, and I'm glad it exists. I feel I should make this very clear right from the beginning since I'm going to be making some fairly harsh criticisms. I really and truly wouldn't want you to come away from this review with a negative impression of the book. If you're at all interested in the topic, it would be a seriously handy thing to have around the house.

Goodness, where are my manners? I haven't even introduced you to the basic subject matter. The *Bay Area Sexuality Resources Guidebook* is—well, it's pretty much what you'd expect, given the title. The heart of the book is an extensive listing of over a hundred sex-related resources, including hotlines, support groups, social groups, political organizations, therapists, stores, workshops, classes, publications, services, and more. Wiseman begins the collection with a personal introduction of himself and his credentials, along with some good solid advice on dealing with the resources listed in the book. He also explains the motivations and biases that led him to choose who was and was not included in the book. I was profoundly grateful for this. I have a great deal of respect for non-fiction writes who are upfront about their basic assumptions and prejudices.

Wiseman is a good writer: clear, funny and personable. His style turns what might have been a dry collection of addresses and phone numbers into an amusing and informative overview of the SF Bay Area sex scene. Wiseman, comfortable and cheerful with sex and sexual variation, clearly knows his stuff and has done his homework. I'm pretty familiar with the Bay Area sex community, and there were still quite a few listings that I'd never heard of. (A lot of them were ones I couldn't care less about—resources for hetero swingers, snore—but there were quite a resources in there that I'm very happy to know about.) He manages to be nonjudgmental without being bland and impersonal, and while his own tastes and preferences are clear, they don't usually get in the way of the information.

The emphasis is on what Wiseman calls "gateway resources," i.e., groups/companies/organizations that can direct you to other resources, and this makes a great deal of sense. The Bay Area, being the haven that it is to sex freaks and perverts, has more sex resources than Wiseman could possibly have included—a fact which he freely and frequently acknowledges. Because the book includes so many of these "gateways," the reader is given access (albeit indirectly) to the hundreds of resources that the book does not provide. Plus, it has dozens of valuable coupons, worth billions and billions of dollars in fun and useful Bay Area sex merchandise that will change your life forever! Why, the coupons alone..., excuse me.

Okay. Now out come the claws. My first complaint concerns the way the book is organized. This may seem like nitpicking, but I think it will make the book incredibly frustrating as a reference work. The book is organized alphabetically. Not by type of resource (i.e., all the stores together, all the hotlines together, etc.), and not by the type of person using the resource (i.e., all the S/M listings together, all the gay/lesbian/bisexual listings together, etc.). Just good old dictionary-style alphabetical order, from "AIDS Hotline" to "Your Telephone Book." To make things worse, some listings are alphabetized by name (you'll find Good Vibrations under "G"), while others are alphabetized by category (the Gauntlet is filed under "B" for Body Modification and Manipulation). I realize that organizing this type of book is a pretty difficult task, especially since many of the resources serve a huge variety of people and defy attempts at pigeonholing (try categorizing San Francisco Sex Information!). But this is essentially a reference book, and the cornerstone of good reference material is a clear structure that makes it easy for the reader to find the item they're looking for. I have nightmare visions of desperate, information-starved sex freaks

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BY GGREG DEBORAH TAYLOR, O.S.

Dear Diary: Don't You Know Who I Am?

Old Spice flavors the crisp air, through which multitudes of unisex manwoman hairdos pass from one box to another. Returning back to my roots, I found my home town of Spokatropolis, Wash., to be a peaceful, yet lonely place through which to wander as an adult, progressive queer.

Even the *word* "discreet" is whispered under the breath in public. Drag is *old,* old school, grounded in female impersonation, rather than creativity and hooliganism. And fashion never hits this land that time forgot.

Some portions of the queer experience are universal, others endemic to large or small cities. Teen hustlers, adult book stores, cruising parks and fruit loops are ubiquitous to being an American male homosexual.

Lesbian culture is traditionally much harder to ferret out, especially if you are a skinhead fag. In this town, however, dykes abound, making up close to half of the people populating homo bars.

Spokane is comfortably devoid of any touches of bohemia. There are no cafes housing pensive writers, pen to lip, eyes unfocused, forging stunning novelettes while nursing strong lattes.

Ggreg Taylor and his mother enjoyed last Mother's Day together at Club Uranus. Ggreg is on the left.

I had come to the Lilac City to reassess myself, reclaim some of my old dreams, shelter myself from the world I now know, and be happily away from the cafe society.

As I traveled the streets of my childhood, I relived experiences of my youth, as if were lifting precious keepsakes off shelves, reexamining them, and then carefully replacing them for future inspection.

Growing up queer can lead to feelings of confusion, rejection and isolation. We are not taught that there are others like us in the world we can turn to.

Many who realize their disparate nature at a young age forsake their families and education for the streets, and a life of constant hustling to stay alive. Across from the Greyhound station downtown, loitering teens peer into passing vehicles until the wee hours, much like Polk Street, only friendlier.

Just down the street from the station, the Outreach Center provides AIDS education literature, free condoms, and state-authorized needle exchange; in this one area, Spokane sounds more progressive than California.

Though I had planned to make a point of coming out to my estranged father, I thought better of it, after having spent some time processing with my Mom, and deciding he was a butthead to be forsaken and abandoned, an anomaly in the continuum of my existence, good only for anecdotal references.

The people of Spokane are wholesome-acting and -appearing. The bars are cliquish, but exceedingly friendly. As fresh meat, I was treated like the belle of the ball at Dempsey's Brass Rail, the "big" gay bar, though those with some power in the local gay scene were more cautious toward me. The Empress types were the most aloof, with their press-on nails, press-on titles and lacquered attitudes.

I cannot help viewing Spokane's gay and lesbian culture as being cute. Many I spoke with had not heard of Queer Nation, and some were unfamiliar with Stonewall.

I introduced a 22-year-old girl named Cookie to the term "Lipstick Lesbian," as she described the type of women she liked. Cruising her nails I noted that she hadn't been laid in a while; lipstick-sporting femme dykes are few and far between there, amidst the stereotypical pool shark forklift operators.

I suqandered my time by reveling in shameless flushing.

The men spoke of opportunities to leave the city. Most travel to Seattle to pursue careers in hair flipping and accessorization. The women seemed more content to say put, perhaps explaining the larger girl crew present. The resulting homo hybrid, 1-to-1 girl/boy ratio, was fab.

Away from the bars I squandered my time by reveling in shameless flushing and guilt-free water wasting. Entertaining my jaded self was difficult, but somehow I managed.

Every day I spent in the city the local newspaper had a letter to the editor or an opinion piece regarding homosexuality. The anti-gay pieces were righteous and empty; the pro-homo, well-worded and studied.

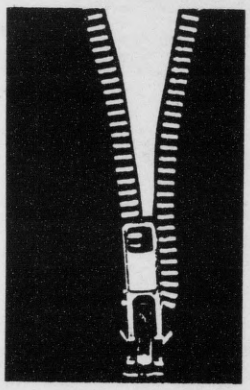
My most valuable experience, however, came by visiting with my old schoolmate John Garras. To him I am still the old Greg (G-R-E-G) of my childhood, and I relaxed as we reminisced about air bands, families and late night toilet paper rampages.

Sometimes when I look at myself, I can only see the self-promoting, media hobbyist, *Opulent Superstar* monstrosity which I have meticulously nurtured. With my old friend in my Mom's living room, life seemed normal and safe again.

I suppose it is natural as one grows older to pine for lost innocence and naivete. Perception becomes peppered with disillusionment through experience and wisdom, as youth recedes into the abstract over the interceding time.

As I left Spokane I was happy to be going, having resolved some issues for myself. Sometimes you *can* go home. Moms don't want to see your press kit, and don't work you for drink tickets or your guest list. To my mom I am still the little boy sitting in her garden munching on her marigolds, and that's worth all the boldface in the world.

I still want to bus in a colorful homo rabble for my class reunion next year. Any takers?



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Astrology...

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ly distinguished. Maturity—as well as you can muster it up—is your strong suit for attraction these days. Your management skills are strong this week, but not as strong as you think. Offer advice as gently and graciously as possible.

PISCES: Love is grand, but it can be so consuming! You were never one to do things halfway. Relationships bring up a lot of inner awareness which can now be very provocative. It would be easy to do something foolish to sabotage your partnership. It's also easy not to. Just be very clear on what you really want and take enough time alone to center yourself. This is an excellent time to address philosophical questions that may have you stumped. You will get closer to the answers you seek, although, dear fish, you typically ask the questions that have no real answers. Progress now will lead to re-evaluation in early April, but your soul's quest goes ever on and on. *Happy Birthday: Joey Sequeira, Cherry Merriman and Dale Johnson!*

Sex Resources...

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flipping hysterically through the book, going, "Outcasts, Outcasts, let's see, I know I saw it in here somewhere, was it under S/M? Gay and lesbian groups? Women's resources? I just want their goddamn PO box, it's gotta be here, now where the fuck is it?" This book needs an index in the worst possible way.

Speaking of Outcasts. Of the roughly 60 full listings (i.e., resources that get a full page all to themselves) contained in the book, a grand total of three—count 'em, three—were resources that exist specifically to serve the gay/lesbian/bisexual community. The Pacific Center, the Bay Area Bisexual Network, and our own *SF Bay Times*—that's all, folks. Admittedly, there are a few full listings that have a significantly queer orientation (most notably the leather stores), and there are several that are gay-positive and gay-inclusive (such as Good Vibes and SF Sex Info.). But the omissions of queer-specific sex resources were glaring. Different Light bookstore, one of the most obvious gateway resources for the queer community, didn't even get a sublisting under the rather paltry "Gay and Lesbian Resources" category. I couldn't find a referral to it anywhere in the book—unless you can call a generalized injunction to "head for the corner of 18th and Castro" a referral.

The lack of information on lesbian-specific sex resources was appalling. There was not one single full listing in the book that provided a sex resource uniquely for lesbians and bisexual women. I don't know how he did it, but Wiseman managed to spend over a year researching Bay Area sex resources and still overlook *On Our Backs*. Oh, he didn't miss it completely. It does have a small sublisting. You might have trouble finding it, though. It's not under Gay and Lesbian Resources, it's not under Women's Resources, it's not under Publications. It's listed under S/M resources (?!?!?) with the notation: "Typically at least half the material has an S/M theme." HUH? When was the last time he picked up a copy? How could he be so cavalierly ignorant about one of the most visible elements of contemporary lesbian sexuality? Maybe I'm being harsh. Maybe they just didn't return his phone calls. But this oversight extends to every lesbian sex resource in the area. Tigress Video, Fatale Video, Outcasts, Womanlink, JoAnne Loulan, Women's Needs Center, LABIA, Girljock, *On Our Rag*, the roving lesbian dance clubs—not one of them gets more than a small sublisting under a broader heading, and many of them aren't listed at all. Just what we need from a sex-positive community resource guide— an affirmation of the myth that lesbians don't have sex.

I may be judging unfairly. In his introductory material, Wiseman does point out that "some [resources] you might expect to find in here did not respond to repeated requests for information." The book closes with a heartfelt request for feedback, both positive and negative, so that future editions can be improved. I hope that the author (as well as you, gentle reader) will look at this review as a particularly extensive and public sample of feedback. More queer stuff, definitely more dyke stuff, and for god's sake, get an index.

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Cotton Byke Seeks Eco Dyke
for dating & possible longterm partnership. I'm 36, in recovery & looking for romance, passion, sexuality & play. I enjoy nature, conversation, committed friendships, family ties, music, dancing, arts & crafts, cultural diversity, good books, ritual & long dog walks. You are emotionally honest, spiritually grounded, politically conscious & physically affectionate. Please write PO Box 31897, SF 94131 or call ★★6235.

Built-in-Family
Youthful 36-yr.-old femme-of-center, trim, athletic, healthy, extremely affectionate, gifted, passionate lover, intelligent, educated, radically feminist, irreverent, eclectic, unusual sense of humor, intense, complex & spiritual. Music lover esp. k.d. lang, Two Nice Girls, Tracey Chapman. Play guitar, etc., tennis, racquetball, hike, camp. Have children/home/income. You have some or all of the fantasized qualities: big-boned gal, tall, strong, fit, powerful, aggressive, brainy, love children, love to cook, love a clean home, very available, domestic, energetic creative lover, interested in being a co-parent to my beautiful, precious children. Reply BT Box FB2B or call ★★6236.

Hug First, Talk Later
Wanted: Lesbian snuggle buddy, massage partner, maybe more. Let's share tales of past adventures and dreams of social change while soaking at Osento or walking to the Roxie. I'm 41, feminist, fun, average-size, attractive, outdoorsy, nonsmoking, light-drinking, childless, petless, Midwestern. I hope you're different. If your idols include Juliette Low or Margo St. James, please write: PO Box 40621, SF 94110.

Hello Dearie
You are an achiever, value cognitive strength and have warmth. Me, too. I'm an artist/writer. I'm educated. Aesthetics matter. Love style, language and rhythm (visual & otherwise). I enjoy people, like life. I'm 49. Love projects & tangents. Am tenacious. Brainstormer/business schemer. Architecture, jazz, netsuke, haiku, textiles, wildlife, gardens, touch, sound, birds, restaurants, handmade papers. Not racist/sexist. Nonsmoker. Reply BT Box FB3B or call ★★6237.

Sonoma County
I'm 39, attractive, feminine and not sure how to meet others who, like myself, are not really part of the gay community. I have a busy life with many interests but not that one special person. I'm missing that fundamental energy exchange that gives life more meaning. My interests include health, exercise, communication, bicycling, travel, gardening, personal/spiritual growth. Reply to Boxholder, PO Box 736, Sebastopol 95473.

Let's Have Fun!
I am: 26, athletic, fun-loving, attractive, androgynous, sincere, shy but friendly and very playful. I like: sports, movies, anything outdoors, and staying home to cuddle by a fire. You are: androgynous, sensual, warm, caring, honest and fun-loving too. You like: the thought of building a friendship and maybe more with me. Please, no smokers or drugs. Call ★★6238.

Sweet, Svelte, Swede
Very cute, femme, mid-20s, stable, healthy, intelligent, artistic, spiritual, optimistic, lover of life, NS, GWF seeks same or very similar for friendship and possibly romance. If this sounds like you—take a twenty-nine cent chance and write; after all, life is what you make it. Photo appreciated, will return. Reply: 448 Ignacio Blvd., #253, Novato 94949.

Looking for a Sweet, Hot Lover
With a sense of humor and a sense of self. You are: red-haired (well, currently...), blue-eyed, rather thin, strong (physically and emotionally), between 42½ and 44½ and financially stable. I am: sarcastic and loving, dark-haired, brown-eyed, fat and kind of wild at 26. (Financially unstable but living anyway.) Interested? Then take off your clothes! I love you, my girl!

Coffee Time
I'm fairly new to the Bay Area, mid-40s, nonsmoker, clean & sober, responsible, enjoy traveling, dining out, movies, outdoor activities, nice conversation and interested in meeting friends and romance. If you're interested, please call ★★6239.

Looking for a Lover? So am I!
I am: 37, grown-up, honest, independent, direct, open, passionate, appreciate my own life, Buddhist (Nichiren Shoshu), artist, scientist. I am not: an "experienced" lesbian, into drugs, smoking. I am looking for: straightforward, open and warm relationship. With someone who is: intelligent, able to communicate well, open, social and political aware, kind and warm, unconventional, physically fit (not overweight), 35-40 years old, responsible for her own life but willing to work on a longterm relationship. Call ★★6240.

International Lover
Japan is the country where I have spent the last two years of my life, as a teacher of ESL, and a student of Japanese language and culture. My lover is a magnificently talented, yet humble native Japanese woman, who continues to live there. We both have acknowledged the difficulties inherent in this "long distance romance," and are, therefore, allowing other women into our lives. I possess and Eastern sense of honor and integrity, coupled with the ambition and ingenuity of a typical American lesbian. I am now looking for another lesbian woman of high standards and expectations, a woman who sports a healthy and dynamic body and mind, (not into TV, nor addicted to drugs, smoking or alcohol). Please be switchable and sensitive sexually, ("mountie" or "mounter," depending on our whims), prone to dancing, "nature-ing" and passionate. I'm blonde and green, so I am generally attracted to dark-featured women who are fit, funny and not easily intimidated by my open and direct style. Reply with letter, photo and phone to: I.L., 601 Van Ness Ave., #E3717, SF 94102 or call ★★6241.

Ad-venture Awaits
Shy GWF, boyish 36, Robin Hood, Peter Pan, Lancelot, Navar, Dante, Hans Solo, seeks femme, petite Marion, Wendy, Guinevere, Isabo, Beatrice, Liea. What the imagination seizes as beauty must be truth. Long I've waited, much I've lost, spare my belief that you exist beyond my dreams. I seek you out in the eyes of passing strangers for the last evil Pandora unleashed upon the world was hope. Dare to dream. Reply BT Box FB4B.

Just Want to Fool Around "II"
Easygoing construction worker, better than OK looking; 5'2". Not expecting to find a relationship through ads, I expect to fall into one someday. But for now just looking for someone who wants to fool around also. Please include your definition of "sexual friends." All letters answered. Please no heavy drinkers or drugs. Reply BT Box FB5B.

Yes, Labels Do Matter to Me
Because I'm interested in meeting an attractive, healthy, feminine woman (35-50) whose interests are: CW dancing, films, dining and outdoor activities. We will share our mutual interests and possibly create some of our own! If this ad describes you, then this tall, slender, 40 y.o. woman wants to meet you! I have a lot to offer to the right woman! Thirty minute radius of Hayward/Castro Valley preferred. All sincere let-

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Not Particularly Submissive
But masochistic as hell. 30-year-old bi-dyke pervert, gorgeous tits, bewitching eyes, brilliant mind, smart mouth, seeks dyke top(s) with a sense of humor. Punish me for making wisecracks, if you want, but you'd bloody well better laugh first. I like pain, rough sex, getting the shit beaten out of me, eating pussy, fucking my brains out, and other assorted, elegant pastimes. I'm not vastly interested in obedience, subservience, submissiveness, etc., but am okay with it (within reason) if it gets you off. Switching is fine. Not clean and sober but not an addict, either. I have a yummy voluptuous body, but if you like skinny little things you'd better look elsewhere. Bi or bi-positive women only, please. No men. Reply BT Box FB7B or call ★★6243.

No Valentine Frenzy
Happy, self-loving and fine. Warm bodies and hearts, peaceful companionship, exciting sharing and adventurous explorations of the saner kind—all appreciated. No desperation, addictions, abusers, S/M or shallow brain-dead. I am wild of 40, spiritual, Mexican-Native American, writer, non-role playing real woman, fit to be loved, great friend and lover. Seeking similar over 35, brown woman for good times and possibly more. Write to PO Box 21141, Oakland 94620 or call ★★6244.

Exceptional Women Do
sometimes find each other! Are you bored by most people? Do you long for intellectually challenging, witty conversation as well as hot sex with a great lover? Wouldn't it be great if you could find both in just one woman, a lesbian who's taken care of her mind as well as her body? I'm a 40-year-old renaissance lesbian with diverse interests & a sense of adventure. If this is your fantasy, too, call me for details! Younger women are welcome & older, good-looking women are always appreciated. PO Box 117045, Burlingame 94011 or call ★★6245.

L'Chaim... to Life
I'm looking for an attractive, tall & stylish Jewish woman (30+) to date, to dance, to schmooze, and to smile with in 1992. Are you light-hearted, strong, intelligent, compassionate, comical, self aware, romantic and hot? You're in for wonderful, fun surprises. I'm a gentle, passionate woman of many interests—artist, cook, rebel, teacher and daring lover of life. Funny Polaroid encouraged. PO Box 460848, SF 94146 or call ★★6246.

I Have Run the Gamut
Now I'm ready to cultivate a committed relationship and make it a priority. (Major issues resolved and I'm not in love with an X.) A non-materialist who believes less can be more. Quiet & easygoing yet intensely romantic & passionately sexual. Considered attractive, age 41, dark hair, green eyes. Enjoy nature, music (R&B & international), travel. Seeking sensuous/loving woman of color, age 40 to 50, who has a lot in common with me. Call ★★6247.

Wild Wimmin Do Get the Blues—Some Days
Probably ready for new friend, playmate, sister, girlfriend, lover, partner, primary... Whatever happens for us mutually. I'm 48, strong dyke, mom, butch, serious/absurd. Bright, curious, questioning, opinionated. Define my own lifestyle and sexuality. Strong bi-side. Sensuous, erotic, current celibacy. Exploring listening, looking, S/M novice. Switch. Passionate about what is not the same. Love my altar, roses, Lillian Allen, kids, food, coffee, piercing, Kalima, sun, leather, books, bizarre art—mine. Pagan. You might be strong, butch, switch, mom, stable, sexually diverse, womyn of color, talkative, political act., motorcycle (optional), dildo or fist won't make you run. I have cats outdoors (allergy). Light alcohol OK. Call or write. See you soon! Reply BT Box FB8B or call ★★6248.

Middle Class Bohemian
Do you think having to look lesbian to be lesbian is for the spineless? Find assimilation versus queerness a false dichotomy? Enjoy being athletic and intellectual? Love feminism, hate PC? Get metaphysical while hiking or stargazing, but think "New Age" is too white bread? Eschew overindulgence and abstinence alike? Have an MST3K sense of humor? Glad your hippie side balances your preppie side, and vice versa? Is it only rock and roll, but you like it? You may already have a date. Call me ★★6249.

Trusting in the Goddess
In matters of friendship and the heart, I am spirit-focused, but no Pollyanna after 41 years; grounded, yet periodically airborne, and quiet, but realize that in the beginning—and everafter—is the Word. You are humorous and aware of its value; bright, but aware of its limitation; and thoughtful, yet often spontaneous. Together, we explore laughter, strange travel suggestions, massage, film, books, backgammon, etc. Interested? Call ★★6250.

How Can I Tell You...
about me in 70 words or less? I can start and maybe we can take it from here. Primarily, I am wanting new friendships. I have recently ended a beautiful, loving, longterm relationship and know I'm not ready for more—at least at this point. However, I do find myself wanting to meet some unencumbered lesbians to go to movies with—or maybe stay at home, build a fire and talk about criminal law, social work or Bill Clinton. I am in my early 30s, fairly educated, financially solvent, emotionally aware, clean and sober, non-smoking and in recovery. I am also warm, honest, soft, sensitive, imperfect, trustworthy, compassionate, funny with a dry sense of humor, kind of short, androgynous, healthy, smart and looking for women with some similar qualities. Looking for women who have been softened by life rather than hardened by it. Looking for women who care about their relationships and who take care of their own. I'd love for you to write. No hostages will be taken; however, all letters will be answered. Please reply BT Box FB9B or call ★★6251.

Falling/Flying
Riding boots, heels, Kiri Te Kanawa, Patsy Cline, Isak Dinesen, Fannie Flagg, Jelaluddin Rumi. Hot interior, cool exterior. A study in contrasts. I am handsome, androgynous, courageous. I have found being happy is less about happiness, and more about being. Originally from Santa Fe, now residing in the Bay Area. I am a professional, an artist, a writer, a thinker, a doer and a dreamer. I am strong and have risen like a phoenix from my own ashes again and again. I am 44 years old and I have finally come home to myself. I love deeply, tenderly, sincerely and sexually. I am intensely focused and dedicated. You are a woman not a girl, yourself not a label. You have worked, dreamed, cried, laughed, hoped, cared, wanted, needed and desired. You have won. You have lost. Because you have lost, you have learned. If you understand that falling you learn to fly, then we have many sunrises to see together. Reply BT Box FB10B or call ★★6252.

Charismatic Urban Camper
with a shoe fetish. 25, really. Bar Mitzvah girl/boy with leanings strongly to the humorous. My stepmother's gay brother from Manhattan is writing this, really. "Wildly intelligent, nonsmoker, well-travelled, passionate...," he says. "Who hates enemas," I add. Seeking brainy femme to go to hell with. You know who you are. No phone, just show me your prose. Reply BT Box FB11B.

If Life Has Taught You
To be giving, to ask for what you need, to pursue your interests and get involved, if you're emotionally mature and seek a relationship—then I'm seduced! For me, stability and sexuality are the earth of relationship, compromise and communication, the flowers of love: I'm open! I'm unique, eccentric, artistic, 30, a teacher, involved politically, native to the Bay Area. Reply BT Box FB12B.

I Want a Long-term Relationship
But I am not ready for one. Formerly bisexual, almost inexperienced, looking for lighthearted but warm, short-term, sexual relationship, possibly leading to friendship in the East Bay, with caring, intelligent woman with sense of humor. Some restrictions apply. I am 5'3", long hair, foreign born, feminist, serious, overcoming neediness. I have a suspicion I am too awkward to make this work, but then again... PO Box 12671, Berkeley 94701.

Searching
I'm looking for the right woman to enhance my life with intimacy. I'm a youthful, attractive forty-five-year-old GWF that's warm-hearted, intelligent, physically fit, politically progressive, non-smoking professional that's financially secure and looking for the same. Do you enjoy the arts, travel, have a good sense of humor and are between the ages of thirty-five and forty-five? If so please respond. Reply BT Box FB13B or call ★★6253.

Where There's Smoke
P.B.: I was so nervous when I called you that I didn't say what I really wanted to say, which had nothing to do with the class... Here's what I wanted to ask you: "Can we meet again?" You caught my eye the first night of class and that tingling feeling has not gone away, even though you have. I find you fascinating and beautiful and would like to know you better, regardless of whether or not you are still smoking. If you'd like to meet again, call me at home or at the number below. You may not be ready to quit smoking yet, but are you ready for me? K. Call ★★6254.

Disparately Preaching Collusion
Radical eco-socialist searching for neo-Marxian separatist to help dismantle the patriarchal structure while getting to know one another in a non-exploitative and ecologically safe manner. I think Dworkin is too conservative in her critique of heterosexuality. You should be wheelchair accessible and willing to date on a sliding-scale basis. No freudo-feminists or liberal NOW-types, please. Interested? It's probably just false consciousness.

Last Piece in the Puzzle
Do you work hard, play hard, and still have energy to follow your dreams? Life is good for this SF GWF, 36 (act, think & look much younger): I work hard, love sports (golf, tennis, softball, swimming, walking), music of all kinds, enjoy the beauty of nature, the comedy of life, and the company of friends, but romance is the only missing link in my energetic life. If you like travel, candid talks, the outdoors, sports, concerts, long slow kisses, eye contact, museums, women with muscles, beach fires, massage, cooking, the Academy, being independent yet wanting a special closeness, are late 20s to late 30s, nonsmoker and light drink/toke tolerant, this productive, hand-some, dream-chasing, singing-songwriting, "XL-ent" bundle of energy would like to meet you and see where friendship takes us. Reply BT Box FB14B or call ★★6255.

Going for the Gold With Gusto
Femininely fiery unconventional unpretentious ethical sensual creative communicative forthright funny vulnerable passionate types with expressive eyes reach me deepest. You could risk putting your sweet warm wise compassionate self-assured nonsmoking light-drinking emotionally available financially stable physically attractive 40-50 y.o. self in my hands and instinctively know you'd be safe with this trustworthy kind forthright funny warm attractive solvent cerebral discriminating and lively 45 y.o. mensch of French-Italian descent who is sensitive to vulnerabilities, having some of her own. Some shared interests: quiet dinners at home/ethnic dining out; riveting or ruminating conversations; wine-country/coastal weekends; evenings of blues (tho' we love all kinds of music), live comedy, the company of our friends; cultural political & environmental awareness & involvement; off-Geary plays, museums, film-noir & classics; Scrabble, camping & casinos (maybe bi-annually), candlelight baths (more frequently); traveling abroad, nearby or staying home to cook, garden, enjoy a fire, a book, the silence, the sound of your thoughts; love of animals, nature, children (I have none but you could), plans for a country move in maybe 5 years. I know writing, horticulture, cooking, computers, some foreign languages, how to make you laugh, let down walls, build confidence, express gratitude, share dreams, what I'm looking for in the woman I hope to grow golden with... and I'm open to whatever you have/want to teach me. Passion, intimacy, devotion, a stimulating & challenging longterm quality love relationship are on our minds, and for this we know we deserve the best. My heart's as big as it is gold and ever widening to enfold you. Tell me something true and new about yourself and you'll have my response. In fact, I'll even leave the light on for you. Boxholder, PO Box 460825, SF 94146-0825 or call ★★6256.

South American Looking for Friendship
I am looking for new friends to go for walks, movies, dancing. I live in Oakland. Reply BT Box FB15B or call ★★6257.

Dare to be Silly
37-year-old chubbette seeks a quick-witted, warm-hearted woman of substance and humor for laughs, intellectual musing, friendship and... I am searching, searching, searching for that special someone (30-45ish) with depth enough to care about the world we live in, spirit and mischief enough to effect it, and humor enough not to take yourself too seriously in the process. Could this be you? If you can remember the last time you laughed till you cried, Call ★★6258.

Idgie, Where Are You?
Tomboy with compassion, ambition and a sense of humor. I'm not Ruth, but I'll stimulate your mind, make you laugh, warm your heart, and look great on your arm. I'm different. Please have the energy, curiosity, openness and money to explore; the sense of timing, self and independence to listen with open heart. Absurdity is a must. Call ★★6259.

Rare, Counter-Stereotypical Woman Sought
Are you that woman who seeks relationships of quality? Are you willing to invest the time and energy? I am seeking the ultimate energy flow between 2 women. Desire friendship, sexuality, intimacy, spirituality. Seeking a woman who is physically fit, likes herself, emotionally available, and has strong interpersonal & communication skills. Live on Peninsula. Will travel and perhaps move for that elusive relationship. Reply BT Box FB16B or call ★★6260.

Bi
BISEXUAL

Feminine, Creative, Very Dominant
Seeking relationship. I'm a WF, 21, 5'6", blue eyes, cherry hair, medium build. I'm artistic, restless. I sing, paint, like outdoors and cats. You: W or H, very docile, shy, quiet. Prefer dark hair, under 6', intelligent, non-Scorpio, nighttime beach lover. Prefer nonsmoker, drinking okay. For details of relationship standards, feel free to inquire. Boxholder, PO Box 18266, San Jose 95158 or call ★★6300.

Queer Post Gender Pervert
Post punk pomo primitive raging AIDS/artist shaved tatted & pierced switchhitting S/M switch seeks similar subversives. Let's play! Consensually of course. I'll grovel at your feet, if you'll grovel at mine. (If not, good chance I'll grovel at yours anyway...). Vital stats: 5'11", 145, 30s & strange. You? Any gender beautifully twisted & know how to walk a dog. Bow-wow! Reply BT Box FB300B or call ★★6301.

Get Me Off Then Go Away!
I don't need a lover, I need a vibrator with very agile fingers. I don't care if you smoke after sex if you don't care if I rant about politics on the way to bed. No one who tells me that they're HIV- will be answered. If you're a girl, I'll get you off too. If you're a boy—live with it! Call ★★6302.

Bad Bi Girls Make Me Feel So Good
BiWM, 28, 5'5", 120#, attractive, shy, humorous, intelligent (IQ 130+), sensitive, energetic (hike 10 miles/day), healthy, HIV-, left-wing, vegetarian seeking young, attractive, intelligent, independent, affectionate bi or straight female for hot sex and friendship. If you like to wear the pants, I will wear your panties. Exchange photo/phone. Write PO Box 422142, SF 94142 or call ★★6303.

Man Seeks Woman
This is not a Bay Guardian ad. I am a WM, 45, 5'10", 150 lbs., healthy, HIV-, with much gay experience, some hetero. I now want to concentrate on the hetero and am looking for a woman for a relationship, however we define it. I am genuinely emotionally mature. Let's explore each other. Write/call for details. 527 Jones St., #8778, SF 94102 or call ★★6304.

Very Very
Intriguing, complex, intellectual, metaphysical, athletic, shy but confident, peaceful but wild, unconventional, sexy bisexual woman (writer/teacher) seeks male companion(s) with sensitivity, artistry, adventurousness, earrings, open quick minds, intense passion for the truth and intense love of silliness. If you think life is perfect and perfectly absurd, I'd love to meet you and see what happens... Send photo/letter to PO Box 88544, Emeryville 94662 or call ★★6305.

Bi Men Are Fun
Like to repeat some safe, hot sessions I've had with bi men. Not into heavy roles, but get off on you wearing your girlfriend's panties, spanking you, maybe even shaving, or some combination—open to more! I'm GWM, 42, 5'10", 175, hairy,

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Dykes To Watch Out For

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MO, YOU'VE BEEN IN THERE FOR 20 MINUTES! COME ON! I HAVE TO GET TO WORK!
A TIP O' THE HAT TO PHRANC!
WAIT A SEC. I'M DOING MY MONTHLY BREAST SELF-EXAM.
WE'RE RUNNING LATE ON A MONDAY MORNING AND YOU DECIDE TO EXAMINE YOUR BREASTS.
I HAVE TO DO IT WHEN I THINK OF IT OR ELSE I FORGET. YOU SHOULD CHECK YOURSELF WHILE YOU WAIT.
IF YOU'D HURRY UP, I WOULDN'T HAVE TO WAIT.
I'M SERIOUS, HARRIET! YOU'RE IN A HIGH-RISK GROUP! BOTH YOUR GRANDMOTHERS DIED OF BREAST CANCER! IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU DO REGULAR SELF-EXAMS!
I KNOW. I'M IN DENIAL. BUT I HATE DOING THE EXAM BECAUSE MY BREASTS ALWAYS FEEL LUMPY. I CAN'T TELL WHAT'S NORMAL AND WHAT'S NOT.
THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE TO DO IT EVERY MONTH. SO YOU GET TO KNOW HOW YOU USUALLY FEEL.
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT. NOW WILL YOU GET OUTTA THERE?
A ONE IN NINE CHANCE, HARRIET! THOSE ARE THE ODDS! AND THE RATE IS INCREASING 3% A YEAR!
OKAY! I KNOW YOU'RE RIGHT. I PROMISE, I'LL EXAMINE MY BREASTS.
I GUESS IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO. I MEAN, I AM KINDA ATTACHED TO THEM.
ME TOO.
HARRIET, WHAT IF ONE DAY I GOT CANCER AND HAD TO GET MY BREASTS REMOVED. WOULD YOU LOVE ME AS MUCH?
NO. I'D LOVE YOU MORE. YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T TAKE SO GODDAMN LONG IN THE SHOWER.

easygoing, masc., primarily top. You: 40 or under, masculine, curious, want to experiment. Let's talk about it! Call ★★6306.

Submissive

29-year-old heavy metalist with girl's haircut, killer ass, girl's legs, money, veins and brains to match seeks sexy, lean female to use strap-on dildo on him in exchange for whatever her heart desires. Axl outlaw looks with personality to match. Looking for longterm relationship. HIV-. Call ★★6307.

Bisexual? I Am and Proud of It!

Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a friend, confidante and lover you can be totally free with? Someone who can understand all your needs and not discount or put them down as being weird. Someone to form a close loving relationship with and maybe start a family. I believe it's possible and would like to dedicate 1992 to finding this special someone. People like us should be able to enjoy all that life has to offer, don't you think? I am a traditional-valued, sensitive, artsy, creative BiAM who's looking to meet that special man or woman. I am told to be well-proportioned 5'8", 155#, 37 years. How about a call? Call ★★6308.

Yo! Queerboy!

SWF, cranky redhead seeks skinny overeducated SW queerboy, experienced top or switch, for late-night persiflage, perambulation and passion. You're under 30 and tolerate C&W. I'm 34, not skinny, with a smart mouth and a warm heart (underneath) and I'm lookin' to get 'em both plowed. HIV- only. Reply BT Box FB301B or call ★★6309.

Why Live ½ Life at a Time?

Are you a woman who resents having to alternatively give up females and males? Explore the possibilities of a balanced, committed, loving relationship with affectionate bisexual WF, 32, and WM, 27. We are seeking an intelligent woman, not a "plaything," to aim for an eventual equal partnership in fully integrated 3-way relationship. Friendship first. Please be a playful nonsmoker, very comfortable expressing emotions—and ready to be showered with tenderness and creative romance! We are enthusiastic, passionate, easygoing, enjoy humor, good communication, creativity, honesty, sensuality, joie de vivre. Interests include: hot springs, gardening, hiking, cooking, sailing, nude recreation, traveling, massage, singing, arts, dancing, erotica, science fiction, photography, theater, cafes, tropical islands, dining out. "Don't dream it—be it." PO Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★6310.

Dare to Make Fantasy a Living Reality

S/Af-Am/M & BiWF seek special BiF to complete triadic-mate union. Attractiveness, youthful energy, and a grounded soul appreciated. Engage us in a dialogue about this "alternative" way to cultivate family and love and let's see if there's a fit. Reply BT Box FB302B or call ★★6311.

A Vastly Misunderstood Lifestyle

It's generally assumed without discussion that relationships involving 3 people aren't "serious" or "possible." Even the bisexual community, so accustomed to questioning the status quo, is often highly hesitant to disturb this remaining sacred cow of what relationships "may or may not" be. This prejudice is reinforced by ads from couples seeking "playmates for fun times." Yet, there exist people who seek out the same loving tenderness and fulfilling serious relationship between 3 people as traditionally done by two. In fact, we know people who have been successfully in committed triadic relationships for years, as well as local and nationwide networks for support of this lifestyle. If you are interested in exploring joining our own quest to form a triadic relationship (described in the ad "Why Live ½ Life at a Time?") or simply network with other like-minded people, let us hear from you! PO Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★6312.

New to SF

BiWM, 38, new to SF, seeks couple, male, female, TV, TS, for fun and possible longterm relationship. Triad? 6'2", 185 lbs., br/blue, straight acting, very oral, top/bottom, love to please. I know few people here, have not had sex this year. Very anxious to make new friends; any gender, any race, any fetish. Reply BT Box FB303B or call ★★6313.

Born Again Virgin

Quiet, middle-aged lesbian who has been sexually ignored for years seeks partners of both sexes for safe-sex experimentation and play. Not ready for a relationship. You should be emotionally (not necessarily physically) gentle and not arrogant. Diverse ages, races, appearances welcome. It helps if you know how to flirt because I have forgotten. Reply BT Box FB304B or call ★★6314.

Sensuality, Agony & Ecstasy

Racially mixed couple looking for heavenly, exquisite connection with a bi or non-exclusively gay woman for open frolic of the highest order. Your shoe size, race, age and present status unimportant. Only consensual, healthy, safe and clean fun. Mutual emotional attachment highly desirable. Discretion and space respected. Reply BT Box FB305B or call ★★6315.

Exit to Eden

Roissy Academy is now accepting limited number of the most intelligent, mature, imaginative, strong, sophisticated and self-assured women. Background understanding helpful. Experience not required. Desire to explore a must. Straight, bi or non-exclusively gay. PO Box 3902, San Rafael 94912 or call ★★6316.

Straight/Bisexual Men

Are you between 20-50, extremely good-looking, very masculine, hung like a horse and wonder what it's like to get head from a 30-yr.-old, masculine, good-looking stud who is convinced it will be far better than any woman can give. Reply w/photo BT Box FB306B or call ★★6317.

Fat 'n' Sassy

Very pretty, BiWF, 34, gld/brn hair, green eyes, short, smart, passionate, spiritual, educated, verbal, intense, playful, humorous, lusty/strong libido, Aries/Sag/Scorp, hard rock/old blues lover, baseball/football fan, political left/active. Looking for friend, companion, lover. Turn ons include (but not limited to) moody artists, writers, musicians who tend to be born under the signs of Taurus, Sagittarius, Libra. Young boys with long hair, sensuous women with dark hair/eyes. Prefer 21-35. Must enjoy long meaningful conversation, silly fun, smoking weed, exploring life and learning from it all. Reply BT Box FB307B or call ★★6318.

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SHARED INTEREST

Free Accompanying or Four-Hand Piano

For advanced-level singers and instrumentalists. I'm an experienced, proficient, sensitive and nurturing pianist/coach (with a good sense of humor) who desires high-quality, enjoyable music-making, your place or mine, classical preferred, Broadway okay. Let's talk. Call ★★6325.

Backgammon Anyone?

Professional woman looking for serious, competitive players for small-stake, regular play. If you get excited by the thought of two to three hour sessions and are awed by the power of the cube, Call ★★6326.

Sports Enthusiasts Wanted

I'm looking for East Bay lesbians interested in both participating and spectating in sports activities. Road cycling, mountain biking, tennis and skiing (both types) are particularly pluses. Lesbians with this in common, let's connect for friendship, companionship and who knows what else?!? Reply BT Box FB600B or call ★★6327.

Oakland Diamond & Laurel District Lesbians

Let's get together! Want to meet each other to build community network and ?? Join us for afternoon snacks on Sunday, March 29, from 3-5 pm. Call star number for RSVP. Call ★★6328.

Musicians and Singers

Wanted for a performing dance club/house music band. Especially looking for experienced keyboard player/programmer and vocalists with faaabulous presence and range. Everyone encouraged to respond. Call ★★6329.

Looking for a Co-Parent or Known Donor?

A group is forming for you to meet lesbians and gay men who are seeking to get involved in a co-parent or known donor situation. It will be both a social group and discussion group where you can discuss your hopes, desires and fears of children and family. PO Box 14911, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★6330.

Country Western Blues?

Are you tired of standing on the sidelines watching all those country.western dancers fly across the room while you're itchin' to jump in, but you're too scared to try? Do you sometimes feel as if your feet are disconnected from your brain? If this sounds like you, do not despair. You are not alone. There are literally hundreds of you out there yearning to become two-steppin', shufflin', tush pushin', circle jerkin' fools like the rest. Call now for fast relief! Call ★★6331.

Attention Deficit Disorder

Anybody else out there with ADD? You're hard to find. Gifted, attractive GWM, 40+ (also gym-toned, HIV-), diagnosed last year, seeks others in the gay community for support, friendship. All welcome to reply. Sex, age not the issue here. Please reply Boxholder, 3315 Sacramento St., #341, SF 94118 or call ★★6332.

Queer Rock 'n' Roll Band

Lyricist/vocalist wants band to set words to music. Would like to do covers and originals. Influences: lyrically—Morrissey, Patti Smith, John and Exene, Perry Farrell; sound desired but not limited to—Jane's Addiction, Patti Smith, X. Reply BT Box FB601B or call ★★6333.

Ruth and Idgy

Experienced restaurateur seeks partner for unconventional cafe in SF neighborhood. You should be colorful, hardworking, but a lousy employee. Send note, short story, bio, photo or otherwise descriptive material telling me about yourself and what you bring to the party. I'm serious. Want fun, female partner for profitable business. Reply BT Box FB602B.

Let's Walk

Berkeley woman wants to meet lesbians who drive so we can go on scenic walks and share the beauty of the natural world. I'll provide the lunch—sandwiches on my wonderful home-made bread, organic fruit & the best chocolate chip cookies ever made if you haven't written off sugar. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 4513, Berkeley 94704-1513.

Men Knitters

New group (SF Cable Stitchers) forming to meet biweekly. Let's get together to knit, chew the fat, exchange ideas and make plans to start a men's design collective. ★★6334 for info.

Is Anyone Interested...

in forming a support or social group for lesbians who work in the criminal justice system? The form doesn't matter as much as the content—support and empathy. I suspect there are many of us all over the Bay Area who are doing this challenging work—maybe we could all get in the same room and start something? Please call ★★6335.

Chess Players

31 y.o. lesbian seeking people to play chess. Call ★★6336.

Network Marketing

I would like to form a support group with people who would be interested in finding good multilevel marketing companies and work together as team distributors. Striving for independence! Reply BT Box FB603B or call ★★6337.

Love Can Be Like Bondage

Won't you dance with me in my world of fantasy male, 36, seeks male or female (30s) likes to do club scene occasionally, dancing to alternative music... way I want to love you, could be against the law, c'mon little stranger there's only one last dance, soon the music's over, won't you take a chance with me? PO Box 421557, SF 94142 or call ★★6338.

Moving Back East?

GWM, 35, tired of cities, seeks to return to roots & friends in Vermont. Interested in hearing from anyone w/ideas about making it work, or sharing a truck and expenses to anywhere on the East Coast. Time frame negotiable. 2215-R Market St., #512, SF 94114.

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Yes We Can, Asian Man

We can have it all—romance, trust, intimacy and lasting love. You've never seen me at the bars or clubs or cruising the Asian/Caucasian social groups. I'm no "RQ" and you're not some stereotypical skinny submissive little Oriental riceboy. I'm just an honest masculine man who wants to share his life and love with one special Asian man. Superficial opposites attract—I'm big (6', 184#) and very hairy; you're smaller and smooth. But we're much alike at heart—kind, bright, affectionate, monogamous, HIV-, and ready for commitment. I'm under 40, strong and gentle, handsome (not "pretty"), tough-looking yet tender-hearted, trim beard and moustache, well-built and sexually dynamic. I'm a professional with a straight/bi history. I don't need one-night fun with cute tricks who only want hot sex and a big dick. I want to wake up every morning with the one man I love and care for. Do you fit in my arms? Do I fit in your dreams? Please write and we can exchange photos (returnable) or call. I'll treat you and your response with respect. If you have never answered a personal ad before, please trust my sincerity as I trust yours. Reply BT Box FB70B or call ★★6350.

Red Hair

If you have it, this masculine, very hairy, balding GWM top with rough edges is interested. We value honesty, stability, monogamy, and non-smoking. I'm 44, cleanshaven, brown/gray hair, brown eyes, 5'10", 155, and healthy. You live alone (SF to Peninsula) with privacy necessary for developing a partnership. We are affectionate, experimental and fun-loving. Include sample of head and pubic hair with reply, BT Box FB71B. If things click, we can look forward to a long happy adventure.

Extra-Submissive?

Very slim/tight-waisted? Well-stretched butthole (or willing to stretch)? Masculine? Ready for life-long monogamy? Employed? Average (or better) looks, HIV-, nonsmoking, healthy? Low 20s to high 40s? At least 98 percent home-centered? Able/willing to follow orders day-after-day without hesitating? Yes? Then write to this tall, slim, graying/balding, crewcut, late-40s male ready to take charge of an emotionally centered, devoutly loyal man who seeks lifetime control, dominance, discipline and total commitment. Share all of yourself and receive your fair share in return. Very detailed letter (personal description, outlook, goals, etc.) and recent photo(s) absolutely essential. Reply BT Box FB72B.

Good Times and...

Very good-looking GWM, 30, 145#, 5'8", light brown/blue eyes, moustache, healthy HIV+. Enjoys dining out, movies, travel, weekends out of town, quiet times, good conversation, and good sex. You are in your late 20s to late 30s, good-looking, physically fit, open minded and with similar interests. Respond with note and phone number (photo appreciated and returned). Reply BT Box FB73B.

Interested?

Good-looking GLM, 35, 180#, 5'11", brn/brn, moustache, non-aggressive top with well-proportioned, gym-type body, healthy HIV+. Enjoys friends, softball, dining out, quiet times at home, cards, travel, weekends out of town, romantic evenings and hot sex. You close in age ±5 years, good-looking, physically fit with weight proportionate to height and with similar interests. A good kiss A+. Respond with note and phone no. (photo appreciated, will return) to: BT Box FB74B.

Catch This Ad—Mr. Right

GAM, early 30s, young looking (looks 20s), handsome, 5'9", 135 lbs. Looking for nice looking, friendly, cleanshaven GWM, 21-33, for quality friendships and possibly more. I like dancing, movies, going out of town, restaurants, the arts and many other outdoor activities. I have a great smile and I am mature but with a playful personality. I always have the ability to make people laugh and maybe that's why I am a typical youthful Gemini. Take a chance now, and let's get to know each other! Call ★★6351.

A Lot of Friends But

ready for a one-on-one relationship. GWM, mid-40s, HIV-, blond, moustache, good-looking and fit. Professional, funny, well-read and tops. No kidding, all that plus I love movies. Looking for a man my age or younger but no babies and emotionally secure. I'm more Lands End than Wild Wild West and prefer bottoms oriented men who aren't passive. Any takers? Your photo gets mine for a start. Reply BT Box FB75B or call ★★6352.

Tall, Muscular, Well-Hung

Man in 30s sought by handsome, intelligent, br/bl, 34, 6'1", 175, GWM. Looking for a strong, dominant partner who is also gentle & loving for friendship, great sex, possibly more. You love to cuddle, kiss, be massaged, licked, fondled, sucked and generally adored. We enjoy weights, tennis, hiking, camping or cooking at home and watching TV. Please write or call leaving phone number; photo if convenient. Reply BT Box FB76B or call ★★6353.

Handsome SF Athlete and Professional

Energetic, good-looking, enthusiastic, sincere and affectionate 31-yr.-old GWM looking for potential monogamous relationship with well-educated, active man with similar interests and values as mine. My passions in life are mountain biking, tennis, skiing, foreign travel, languages, opera, close friends and work. I prefer someone in their late 20s to early 40s, honest, giving, financially stable, HIV-, and in good shape. Letter and photo appreciated. Reply BT Box FB77B or call ★★6354.

Saturday, February 8

At Davies Symphony Hall. I had on a purple and black sweater, with longish brown hair, reddish beard and glasses. You were with a man with a yarmulke. We noticed each other down by the box office as you were leaving, but I was with friends and didn't say hello, but wanted to. Did you also? If so, please call me. Call ★★6355.

Outgoing Masculine Professional

Wants to meet a clean-cut, bright, monogamous GWM for an active fun-filled relationship. I am a loving man with a warm smile and great sense of humor; handsome (will send photo to prove it), 6', 175#, and a considerate, tender, versatile top. I enjoy an active and balanced lifestyle and would appreciate a man of equal energy and diverse interests including the outdoors, athletics, fine arts, travel, dining and quiet evenings at home and with friends. I would like to meet a younger man (I'm 52) who is stable and mature yet fun-loving and healthy. Please be a nonsmoker and non-drug user with a reasonably proportioned body and 5'8" or taller. You can reach me in Marin at PO Box 1755-BTO, Ross CA 94957 or call ★★6356. Photo optional but appreciated (and returned with one of mine).

Melt Down

And be a feast for a handsome, masculine, athletic blue collar hunk. GWM, HIV-, 5'10", 168#, bright, honest, loving, fair-haired, gray-eyed, well-built, well-exercised, hairy, a youthful 40s look. Sexually, I'll chew your long, lean, hairy body from head to toe. Emotionally, I offer long-burning love. Intellectually, wit and challenge. Spiritually, sharing the path. Apply if you are HIV-, nonsmoker, non-drugger, tall, lean to thin, hairy, dark-haired, down-to-earth, bright, organized, self-esteeming, looking for monogamy and rapture. Call ★★6357.

Get This!

Cars, sailing, gardening, building, mtn. bike riding. Blue-eyed, HIV-, 34-yr.-old, handsome, all-American guy into the gay community (volunteering, etc.). Creative, articulate, high aesthetic sense of life, looking for committed relationship—directness is essential. Call ★★6358.

Have You Had Enough?

Of answering personals? I know I have, but since I'm hopelessly optimistic, I decided to take one out. I'm 32 years old, good-looking, stable, sincere, brown hair, green eyes, 170 lbs. I am not going bald (yet!), "so what are you waiting for?" Friendship first. Ciao. Call ★★6359.

Clean-Cut Motorcycle Guy

Seeks GWM nonsmoker, HIV-, under 30 y.o. in motorcycle jacket. Me: 31 y.o., in-shape, ex-Marine, masculine, muscular, nonsmoker, brown hair & eyes. Loves guys in motorcycle jackets. I own a Kawazaki Eliminator. Call ★★6360.

Man Wants Man

GWM, 28, 165#, br/br, short beard, good-looking, smooth, lean, mature, scientist, likes music, languages, exercise (skiing, running, hiking, yoga, motorcycling), meditation; looking to date a masculine, good-looking, committed, gentle GWM with maturity, integrity, facial hair, vaguely proportional weight! Nonsmoker. Preferred: blond, hairy, well-built. Required: sense of humor, self and perspective. Broad sexual tastes, as relevant. (Yeah, even I fell asleep reading this!) Reply BT Box FB78B or call ★★6361.

Truth or Dare??

Truth: A catchy slogan in a personal ad isn't going to tell you who I am. I'm a whole and complex individual. So are you. We want sex. Lots of it. We want friendship. We want to play. To learn. To love. We want different things at different times. You get the picture? Fact: I'm a versatile, stable, intelligent, passionate—the list goes on—thirtysomething GWM with a weakness for hairy-chested lovers. Other physical details fairly unimportant. Buff to basic. Just be healthy inside and out. Age not as important as maturity, integrity and positive self-image. Dare: Risk "wasting" twenty minutes or so to get the full picture. The worst case is that you'll have an enhanced basis for comparing other potential suitors. The best case is limited only by our imaginations. Take the dare! Reply BT Box FB79B or call ★★6362.

Are You a Quick Cummer?

If so, then I would like to meet you. I'd like to see how long I could hold you off by giving you a slow, slow hand job. Sound like fun? I'm a GWM, 45, 5'8", 170 lbs., br/bl and am HIV-. Reply to Boxholder, PO Box 426648, SF 94142.

HIV+ Latins, Asians, etc.

Sought by GWM who's healthy HIV+. Me: brown/blue, moustache—called handsome, attractive. Stocky, hairy, hung—good kisser and stable topman, masculine. Nonsmoker/drinker/drugs and prefer same. You: any race, but smooth and a bottom, HIV+. Really smooth guys turn me on! We're both passionate, and you like the hot tongue of a dominant top on your body—friendship and safe sex buddies, Call ★★6363.

Passion & Respect

are my baselines. I'm: 26, Aries, 5'11", medium build, tall & dark, Italian & German, HIV-, educated, nonsmoking professional & can dance. UB: 22-32, Caucasian, cleanshaven, HIV-, fit, employed, down-to-earth, passionate. We R: honest, open to relationship, willing to explore alternative sexual fantasy, enjoy quiet nights & fireplaces. Call ★★6364.

Optimists Attract

GWM, a young 40, HIV+, blond, 5'11", 165 lbs., attractive, healthy. An optimist seeking same. Enjoy cute GAM or GWM, 35 to 20 yrs old, my height or taller, for friendship or more. Enjoy movies, quiet diners, bowling, 49ers, horse racing, uplifting chats, spoiling someone special... having fun. Prefer no sex 1st date. Need for intimacy higher than need for sex. Let's talk! Call ★★6365.

Truly Asian Romantic

Attractive, gym-toned, sincere, spontaneous, professional, nonsmoker/drug-user, HIV-, GAM, age 30, 5'9", 155#, into cooking, dancing, skiing, movies, dining in-out, long beach walks, quiet times at home, cuddling on rainy intimate nights to keep each other warm. Seeks taller, GWM, 30-45 or so, in good shape, romantic, sincere, honest, professional, with similar interests for friendship leading to a monogamous relationship for the right person, from SF to South Bay. Please respond with phone/photo (returned) for mine. PO Box 865, Los Altos 94023 or call ★★6366.

Banker Seeking Buddy

29 y.o. GWM, 6', 160 lbs., br/br, great smile, work out 3-4 times/wk, 25-35 y.o., str. act./app., in-shape or thin, to run around with. Buddies first, maybe partners later. Se habla Espanol aqui. Reply BT Box FB80B or call ★★6367.

Smooth, Latin, Asian?

Young, very smooth guys wanted by hairy, hung, masculine GWM, 30s—nice eyes and smile. Let me play safely (I'm HIV+) with your beautiful smooth body, and I'll drive you wild! If you're HIV+, and a hot, smooth bottom—I'm also a strong topman, and know just what to do with what you have! Call ★★6368.

Russian River

Ready for healthy, hot, dominant stud (HIV-

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preferred). You are discreet, stable and centered enough for far out sex and possible friendship. PO Box 537, Guerneville 95446 and/or call ★★6369.

Politically and Socially Incorrect

Nice, attractive, personable Southern man seeks dark-haired furburgers (hairy men). Me: 6′5″, 180 lbs., lt brown, green, decent body, moustache, bearded GWM. Jazz, country, swing, blues music. Bike rider, sometimes runner, walker, love outdoors in all types weather. You: tall, short or inbetween, bald or with hair, small dick or large, as long as I like you it doesn't matter. I am down-to-earth, real, honest, loving, super kisser and cuddler, employed, looking for similar. Not into bars, all-night partying or dancing my ass off. Look and act and live a fairly straight life. Some body hair is a must. Love uncut also. Reply PO Box 10966, Oakland 94610 or call ★★6370.

S.F. Symphony

Saturday, Feb. 8, Orchestra Row R. You had your shoes off, I walked by and our eyes said hello. I was attracted to you and would like to talk. You too? Give me a call ★★6371.

Being Candid

Delightful, 43-year-old hunk, 6 ft., 165 lbs., toned, bearded, masculine, HIV-. See myself as a god-centered, successful person with an active wit, independent yet desirous of closeness with another. I seek to meet a similar guy age 30 to 45. One who is articulate, reflective, possessive of rhythm in soul and body and who also might enjoy occassional lunacy like wearing pajamas to the drive-in. Reply BT Box FB81B or call ★★6372.

Contra Costa

I am looking for friends in this area that I can do things with, including going to A's games, and following other sports. I enjoy working out, but I don't go to the gym enough. I am 34 years old, 6′3″, 190 lbs., HIV-, I have some of my dark brown hair left. I don't like bars, and don't drink or smoke. Age is not a big factor. Please send letter w/picture (to be returned). Reply BT Box FB82B or call ★★6373.

You and I—Forever

I want to share my life with a kind, intelligent young man of any race (Asians most welcome). Me: GWM, 31, 5′8″, slender, cleanshaven, nonsmoker, non-drinker; intelligent, well-educated (Ph.D.), honest, nice, gentle, romantic, innocent. I enjoy reading, music, running, bookstores. You: under 35, slim, cleanshaven, kind, caring, intelligent/intellectual, and at least college-educated. Together we can build something that will last forever. PO Box 14081, Berkeley 94701.

Seductive Southerner

Gentleman, caring bottom, late 40s, looking for romance through Fri., Sat. night dating. I'm 5′11″, 215#, HIV-. Literate, sensitive, relationship-oriented. Nonsmoker but social drinker. Moustache and lots of brown hair on head for you to run your fingers through. Let's look at paintings, hold hands at the picture show, and read poetry to each other. Why not? Call ★★6374.

Manly Asian-American Boy

I'm 5′10″, 180 lbs., built like a man: broad shoulders from workouts, a bit husky around the waist, definitely not the small and petite "type." I'm attractive, raw humored, usually mellow (not passive), sometimes wild, mature in my early 20s who's still a kid at heart. I (top, potentially versatile) prefer rough man-sex (maybe even a little kinky) but am a tender boy when snuggled in your arms. Seeking HIV-, tall, drug-free, GWM under 50 to share similar interests and discover new ones together. We are both masculine, sensitive, introspective, cuddlephiles and willing to share fun, feelings, love and smiles. Reply BT Box FB83B or call ★★6375.

For the Mature Reader

GWM NS HIV- 58. Nautilus trim. Excellent physical condition. MBA grad, stable, successful businessman. Enjoy mountain biking, classical music, travel, entertaining friends at home. Seek masculine, stable, successful HIV- man. Goal is long-term monogamous relationship. Call ★★6376.

Mutual Trussed

BiWM, 42, 5′8″, fit 137 lbs. seeks fit, intelligent, sweet, hairy man for reciprocal bondage play. I have handcuffs, chain, rope, etc., and experience. You may be experienced or just eager to learn. If superficial beauty, style of dress, or dick size are issues for you, then go away. Otherwise, call ★★6377.

Hot, Cute & Vulnerable

Emotionally available stud, versatile, HIV+, 39 yrs., but really look 29, 5′9″, brn, brn, Cauc., hung, clean-cut, anxious to meet same who are hot and cute + who are seriously committed to trying to have a healthy, non-co-dependent relationship. You must be trim and in-shape, gym-goers are appreciated. Hopefully you are working on yourself, growing as a feeling, communicative, vulnerable, compassionate person. Being open to change + the challenges of a relationship are foremost. Sex is hot, hung is a+, but not the most important thing. Reply BT Box FB84B or call ★★6378.

Practicing Emotional Availability

is difficult when there's no one to practice with! GWM, 39, look 29, 5′9″, brn, brn, slender, cln. shaven, hung, sincere, HIV+, recovering from substance abuse, would like to date people under 35 for eventual intimacy. I'm sexually versatile and have many interests: gym, photography, Macintosh. You should be very cute or handsome, semi-jock type, physically fit, HIV+, under 35, in recovery, employed, hung, GWM + looking for people to be friends first. Should be great sex, as I am. Hopefully you are working a self improvement program and you don't drink or smoke. Prefer cut men only who are gym-toned and trim. Reply BT Box FB85B or call ★★6379.

Top This

I'm tired of guys who don't show up or don't return phone calls. Read my lips; call only if you're interested in fucking with my butt, not my mind. Get it! GWM, 5′8″, 145 (very hairy), wants topping off on a regular basis. You: tall, slim, 35-50, 7″ or more. If you don't understand this ad, don't call. Call ★★6380.

Hunka, Hunka Burning Love

This Elvis impersonator (not), looking for someone to love me tender. Handsome GWM, 39, 6′3″, 195, brn/grn, cleanshaven, HIV-, professional & athletic. Enjoys pool, film, animals, good books (e.g., Anne Rice, Updike, McMurtry) seeks similar GWM "Hounddog," 5′9″+, ht. & wt. proportionate, cleanshaven, politically left of center w/offbeat sense of humor. Don't be cruel. Reply w/photo BT Box FB86B or call ★★6381.

Seeking Slim Asian or ?

Sincere WM, young for 42 years, 6′2″, 174 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, brown hair, healthy, HIV-, seeks slim to skinny, 20-35. I'm affectionate, good listener, professional. Prefer warm-hearted relationship-oriented, nonsmoker, who exercises and doesn't like bars. Ideally seeking lover, open to sincere friend. Reply PO Box 210202, SF 94121-0202 or call ★★6382.

Colossus, Feb. 15th

We met at Night of a Thousand Drag Queens. You wore a chain up your cute butt. I was sorry to lose you again. If you want to get together call J. at ★★6383. (You said "try me" so I'm trying.)

Slim Younger Brother Wanted

Sincere GWM, young for 42, trim, 6′2″, 175 lbs., cleanshaven, blue eyes, healthy (HIV-), nonsmoker, warm-hearted, good listener, seeks slim to skinny, somewhat boyish looking brother, boyfriend; possible lover, 19-35, any race. Interested in any combination of the following? Hugging, communication, massage, eating out, movies, cuddling, swimming, meditation, Asian culture, Spanish, mild spanking. Plus if you exercise, don't like bars, shorter than me, nonhairy body. Call ★★6384.

Insightful?

I'm quiet, introspective, interested in psychology, health, art, nature, political/cultural/spiritual awareness, and everything else. Generally prefer good books over parties; home cooked meals (with friends/conversation) over eating out; long walks/yoga over gym. I'm 38, 5′7″, 125 lbs., blond thinning hair, glasses, with a sense of humor and adventure. Looking for average-looking guys with unique spirits sharing similar interests. Boxholder 337, PO Box 410990, SF 94141 or call ★★6385.

For Husky WM Admirers Only

I'm WM, 45, 5′10″, 200#, good husky build, cleanshaven, hung, uncut, HIV-, nonsmoker, no drugs. I'm looking for a slim to medium build male to share a rewarding, uninhibited, creative sexual friendship and whatever else develops. No Greek. Not into bars or one-nighters. I'm intelligent, reasonably attractive and non-neurotic. Risk the ridiculous and reach the sublime. PO Box 1177, Palo Alto 94302.

Professional Seeks Relationship

GWM, 6′2″, bl/bl, 180, HIV-, 29, seeks man 25-40, for mature, monogamous relationship. I enjoy weightlifting, running, long walks on the beach, cooking pasta, and long, safe, romantic nights. I'm intelligent, analytical yet intuitive, sensitive yet strong, creative, personable, outgoing, romantic and passionate. Will answer all responses. PO Box 9875, Stanford 94305 or call ★★6386.

Are You Aztec? Mayan?

GWM, 41, of Iberian descent, seeks romance with New World native, including dinner dates, Bay Cruises, etc. My interests include classic movies, meditation, the gym, photography, and humor, but I'd like to know what interests you, too. We can begin by exchanging photos. Reply BT Box FB87B or call ★★6387.

Are You Shy?

Is it as hard for you to respond to this ad as it was for me to place it? You: quiet, 30+, HIV-, slim, easygoing, straight appearance, ready for a lasting relationship, moustache, dark hair, leather or tattoos a plus. I'm 40s, 135 lbs., 5′8″, HIV- top, moustache, live in mountains, like music, leather & traveling. Not into gay scene or bars. Professional, nonsmoker. How about flying to NY for the weekend to my favorite jazz club, then dancing? Give me a call. Reply BT Box FB88B or call ★★6388.

Sincere, Natural Bisexual

BWM, 51, 5′10″, 150, brown/blue, looking to meet mature male who is intelligent, in good shape, and enjoys outdoor activities. I'm healthy, body-conscious, HIV-, and like gardening, hiking, tropical plants, rare birds, movies, and classical and CW music. Nonsmoker, no drugs, light drinker, looking for 30-55 men with like interests and statistics. Please write or call! Reply BT Box FB89B or call ★★6389.

First Time Ad

I'm a masculine, good-looking, HIV-, GWM, 38, 5′9″, 150 lbs., with dark brown hair and blue eyes. I enjoy beach, gym, good friends, movies, cycling, animals, outdoors and hot, safe-sex. Would like to connect with other GWM my age or younger for dating & possible relationship. Please be masculine, non-overweight and free of drugs and heavy drinking. Let's connect & see what happens. Reply with photo or call. Thanks Reply BT Box FB90B or call ★★6390.

No Title

QWM, 28, 6′, 165 lbs., who will try anything once, looking for anything. I'm attractive but not poised. Fucked up but not atypically. Desperate but not serious. Nice guy. I want diversion, maybe temporary, maybe permanent. Slavish devotion to X, a great record collection that I can tape, a quirky personality and a great smile get eggroll. Reply BT Box FB91B or call ★★6391.

Sailing on the Seas of Chaos

25, fascinated by the complexity and wonder of life. Handsome, 165 lbs., 6′, brown hair/very blue eyes. Love reading, going to theater, cuddling with someone to watch movies or listen to music, playing with computers, sunlight dancing on a forested hill, ocean spray riding a cool breeze, meteor showers at dusk, and cityscapes glittering in the darkening night. I'm spiritual, passionate, great cook and masseur. I'm ready for a fantastic partnership with a fun guy, 18-30 yrs, who's open-minded and into sharing life. If you're ready to create possibilities send letter and photo to BT Box FB92B.

Don't Want a Daddy

My father is still alive. Don't want a son, or my ex-wife and I would have made one. Don't want a brother, I fight with both of mine. I want a slightly raunchy young man. Me: 37, Hispanic, hairy, Christian, dominant, bearded, black hair and eyes, 5′10″, with beer gut. You: non-brown eyes, old enough to live alone, a little kinky, waist under 32 or willing for us to get in shape. For my real number... Call ★★6392.

Get to Know Me

23 y.o., 6′, 220 lbs., GLM, new to the city, seeks GWM, 25-35 y.o. for friendship, dating, etc., possible monogamous relationship. I'm an average-looking guy who enjoys reading, walking, drinking a beer or wine cooler and watching movies. I'm looking forward to meeting you. Write me—let's get together for a movie or a drink and get to know each other. Reply BT Box FB93B.

GWM, 34, seeks other young men to age 36 for dating/exploring possibility of relationship. I'm nice looking, tall, slender, healthy, HIV-, with brown hair & blue eyes; wear glasses. Enjoy the outdoors, theater, movies, art & politics. Nice, thoughtful, intelligent guys with some shared interests encouraged to respond. Sexually, I'm mostly top with preference for smooth body GWM in decent shape. Photos appreciated & returned. All answered. Reply BT Box FB94B.

Under 5 Inches?

Professional, not into gay scene, looking for inexperienced, cleanshaven guy with small build, willing to be sexually pampered. Must be nonsmoker/non-drinker. Speech/hearing impaired welcome. I am 6 feet, 40 y.o., HIV-, caring and honest. The Boxholder, 48 Shattuck Square #162, Berkeley 94703 or call ★★6393.

Husband Material

Successful professional with a lot to give seeks mature soulmate for longterm commitment. GWM, 38, tall, trim, swimmer's build, bearded. I'm HIV-, attractive, intelligent, self-confident, articulate, spiritual, nurturing, monogamous, witty. So are you. Ability to talk about feelings a must. Passions: movies, theater, gardening, cooking, writing, psychotherapy. No drugs, alcohol, smokers. Photos returned. Reply BT Box FB95B.

You've Got the Body

I've got the brains; let's make something happen: travel, mutual support, community activity, theater, dancing, fine dining, healthy living, working out, making life exciting with someone who's financially able to make it easier. You're 25-45, slender or "in-shape," very hung, top, left-leaning, new age, not into drugs. This "in-shape" 38-yr.-old, 145 lb., positive, average looking, kinky, blue-eyed man with twisted humor, and only a little hair (on top anyway) may be someone to support you in a new, mutually beneficial relationship; or just someone to take a great trip with. Write your stats, (picture?), what you'd like to: Travel, 3360 Adeline St., #7304, Berkeley 94703.

Huge Belly??

Do you have a huge, prominent belly? One that sticks way out over your jeans? If so, this handsome, masculine, 32-year-old GWM who is 6′2″, 170, with brown hair, blue eyes, moustache, wants to hear from you now! Call ★★6394.

Wanted: Aggressive, Handsome, Very Masculine Men

by this handsome, slender, shy, 32-year-old GWM who is 6′2″, 170, with brown hair, blue eyes, moustache. We are both affectionate, enjoy the outdoors, HIV-, nonsmokers, not into the bar scene, upbeat, happy with our lives but would like to have someone to keep warm with and snuggle at night. PO Box 51113, Palo Alto 94303 or call ★★6395.

Need an East Bay Friend?

Attractive, masculine, light-skin black male, hazel eyes, 6′2″, 190, young 44, well-educated, professional, honest, humorous, warm, sincere, romantic and very dependable seeks young (25-45) Asian or man of color for movies, travel, dining, outings and safe fun. Nonsmoker only, light drinker OK. Regular and lasting friendship is desired. Call ★★6396.

Affectionate

GWM, 38 y.o., 5′10″, 175 lbs., blue eyes, bald, beard, healthy HIV+. Would like to meet other men under 50 who are kind-hearted and sensitive. I enjoy camping, classical to CW music, dancing, romance, long walks, cats, dining in or out, quiet evenings at home. I am sexually versatile, enjoy closeness. Reply BT Box FB96B or call ★★6397.

Careful What You Ask For...

You just might get it! GWM, 29, 6′, slim, very cute! Ready for partner. Likes: Lennon/McCartney, Beethoven, Paul Simon, Star Trek, Yoga, Glide, scary movies, cold side of the pillow, stand-up comedy, horsing around, Enya. I'm a musician/composer, centered, comical, compassionate. You: similar interests, smooth body, masculine, cute, ±4 years, HIV-, European, blond, or musician a plus! Give it a go! Reply BT Box FB97B or call ★★6398.

Tabloid Dates

Wanted for standard stuff: clubs, food, sex. I'm cute, shy and somewhat shallow, GAM, 30, HIV-, 5′8″, 140. You: GWM, GBM, GLM, under 35, your stats similar to mine. Get along best with extroverted, happy people who smoke. Nonsmoker welcome. Send your letters to: PO Box 14433, SF 94114.

60s Kind of Guy

GWM, blond, long hair, cleanshaven, ex-hippie, decent looking but no hunk, 5′11″, 170, 44 y.o., seeks mate. Like books, bicycles, home life, children, outdoors, exercise, blues, classical, kissing, safe sex. Dislike S/M, role playing, size queens, gyms, bars, snobs, drunks, heavy metal. Looking for gay or bi Asian man, 30+, affectionate, employable, nonsmoker, almost always sober. Call ★★6399.

Wanted: Groovy Situation

With a soul music-loving, pillow-talking rebel who knows and likes himself. I want it all: good looks, fit body, sober mind, evil grin, wicked sense of humor (but knows when to turn off and tune in), and somewhere between 35 and 45 years experience. He can be tall, short, dark, blond, rich, poor, but he better not be boring more than 3 days a week max. Trim body, big dick (I'm shallow that way)! Moustaches and hairy chests get extra attention. So do artistic tendencies, monogamy, outdoorsiness, a love of books and magazines, writers of bad or good poetry, and a strong interest in gardening. If he wears cologne or jewelry, shops every Macy's sale, is devoted to the gym and thinks an interest in "dining, travel, beaches, films, the opera and good conversation" will be enough to hold my interest, he should move on to the next ad. I'm 36, a Southern-born GWM writer, 5′8″, 150, br/br, slightly disheveled, sexually flexible but with bottom tendencies, sober, quick-witted, muscular and addicted to music and books. I like the Box, Japanese gardens, ethnic foods, Rawhide, CDs, baggy jeans, quilting, running, and am hot for the Doc in "Northern Exposure." I'm a rough-edged catch; won't settle for less. Your full-length photo is a must (I'm shallow, remember?). Reply BT Box FB98B.

A Heartful Risk-Taker

A very imaginative, good-looking, mischievous, actor-photographer awaits your call. I'm a masculine, warm, cuddly, sexy GWM; a very passionate, youthful mid-40s, HIV-, 5′9″, 160 lbs., brown hair, green eyes, bearded with a hairy chest. I am looking for someone who is willing to be vulnerable, a heartful risk-taker with high self-esteem to share new adventures in mind, body and spirit. This is more important to me than a specific age or body type. I am widely traveled, a meditator and relish creative, hot, safe sex. If you are a masculine, intelligent, sensual, loving man, please reply to: 1001 Bridgeway, Suite 637, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★6400.

Flex Your Muscles

WM, 5′6″, 155 lbs., seeks muscular guys of any size into pumping up, oil, mirrors, posing and being admired. Like defined, baseball biceps, pecs, veins, hot legs, armpits. Especially seek Asian bodybuilder into showing off his physique. PO Box 426655, SF 94142.

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with good looks, health, shape, smile and with a little fun time on your hands, wanted by LM, 27 y.o. Quiet dining, honest conversation & laughs. Reply w/ph. or pic. to: Manager, PO Box 3199, MSJ 94539. "Thanks."

From San Diego

New to San Francisco. GWM, 32, 6′, 165#, masculine, br/br, athletic, HIV-, medium hairy, nonsmoker, moustache, professional seeks friendship/relationship with bud around my age. I enjoy kissing, oral sex, and sleeping together. You're GWM, 20-40 years old, HIV-, with brains as well as looks. Looking for quiet, sensitive type who doesn't normally answer ads. Photo appreciated. PO Box 31893, SF 94131 or call ★★6401.

Go Ahead, Distract Me!

A classical musician, I enjoy a fairly busy schedule. But like to relax & play too. I'm very tall & attractive enough and go to the gym. I like laughter, photography, music (various kinds), hiking & conversation—challenging, insightful & sometimes playful. Sex, well, I like that too with a mixture of tenderness, safety, playfulness & versatility. I'm GWM, HIV-, 46 & most think I'm younger—Liz Taylor, look out! Please be emotionally, if not chronologically, mature. Sounds too good; find the warts yourself. Send photo & letter, I'll do the same. Oops, forgot, I'm also a "Big Brother" for 7 yrs. and enjoy kids. Drugs, heavy drinking or smoking are out, but I smoke very lightly. Call ★★6402.

Bright Eyes Seeks Asians

Loving and caring GWM, 37, seeks gay Asians for friendship/companionship. I am 6′, 185#, with soft brown hair and bright hazel eyes. Am sincere, honest, healthy. Wish to meet slim, cleanshaven guys who are also loving, caring, healthy, sincere, honest. I currently reside on East Coast (Virginia) but will be relocating to SF. Please send photo with letter telling me all about yourself. Reply BT Box FB99B.

Asians, Asians, Asians

Are there any Asians out there up to 50 who can imagine a successful, committed, happy relationship with a 45-year-old GWM? I am not placing "should be" limitations on you because love is where you find it and not where you exclude it. I am 5′10″, 150 lbs., thinning brown hair, healthy, HIV-. I am romantic and loving yet know (from experience) being together requires compromise and common sense. At 45 I have emotional maturity I'd like to share. 537 Jones St., PO Box #8778, SF 94102 or call ★★6403.

Good Loving Top

GBM, 40s, 5′9″, 180 lbs., musc. and masc., HIV- with varied interests, wants to meet GWM btm for fun times leading to perm. relationship. You: cleanshaven, 45-60 yrs old, under 6 ft.—overweights welcomed. Let's talk, meet and go from there. Call ★★6404.

Asian American

Fellow would like to meet another Asian or Caucasian/other. I am an attractive male on the stable side; the low key type. I'm a professional, easy to converse with, open-minded and interesting. I am HIV-. Physically I fit the "Asian build" mode: slim and not too tall. Seeking an interesting individual to know and have fun with. Boxholder, 5214-F Diamond Heights, Suite #406, SF 94131.

Not Hung

Not toned yet either. Am working hard on the toning and learned to live with average on the other. GWM, 38, 5′11″, 180, HIV-. Professional; loves everything urban although the most romantic date ever was a picnic on the beach in the rain—go figure. Handsome? You decide, the word's been tossed in my direction. A little shy with men but warm and romantic. Want what? Someone similar, bright eyes, great smile, secure with himself, and the rest is probably chemistry. Reply BT Box FB100B.

Seek Younger Brother

2 Aggressive, masculine guys, 40 and 50, healthy & secure, want a younger third for friendship, good mental & physical contact, fun games and perhaps much more. Call ★★6405.

Redneck

WM, 38/5′10″/160, redhead. Live in the far East Bay, wish I lived in the mountains. Prefer country over city, real world over ghetto. Mellow and masculine, love Harleys, rivers, desert, forest, horses, dogs, kids, running, wind, rain, 4x4s, backroads, woodstoves, garlic, chilis, strong coffee, boots, leather, tattoos, and other natural pleasures. A little sleazy (dig it dirty and wet), 100 percent real (don't walk or talk funny), definitely a lover (can I nibble on your moustache?), not into games and roles (don't call me sir). Sure would like to hook up with a like-minded cowboy/biker buddy. Call ★★6406.

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Feet
Professional GWM, 31, 5'9", 180 lbs. (hunky), blond/brown, loves good-looking men and their feet. If you are good-looking, masculine, have a good (hunky-bodybuilder) body, like someone rubbing (etc.) your feet, and enjoy having a good time; give me a call ★★6407.

Long-term, Ultimately Monogamous, Non-Addictive
Partner seeks same. GWM, 42, cleanshaven, fuzzy and hip. My friends say I'm good-looking, but that's why they're my friends. I promise to be affectionate and loyal. Friendly, funny and there will be tenderness behind my honesty. Passion for performing arts, comedy, pop/rock/soul music. Weekends in the cocoon preferable to weekends in the clubs. A willingness to persevere is a big plus. Reply BT Box FB101B or call ★★6408.

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
Or Charles Eames, Billie Holiday, Thelonius Monk, Dorothy L. Sayers, Dennis Potter, Karen Horney, Phillip K. Dick? Do you like to play with language? Read more than watch TV? Are you more into endorphins than alcohol? FYI, my alphabet soup: br/bl, HIV-, 5'11", 170#, 39, looks 38½. Moustache, but farmboy look may disappoint daddiphiles. From exercise I'm fit, even muscular, but I retain a bookworm vocabulary. I'm drawn to bright slender guys under 38½. I value love, but dating's grim when it's just a search for the Great Relationship. My main expectations are to learn about myself and others, and to have some fun amid the stage fright. Sound interesting? Then send a notarized hologram of your genitalia—elsewhere—and call ★★6409.

Guys in Leather
GWM, mid-30s, moustache, med. ht. and wt., HIV-, looking to meet guys who wear full black leather and look hot in it. All races, into chaps, boots, cods, nipple work, jockstraps, etc. Send letter with photo, will return. Let's get together and turn each other on with safe, black leather play. I promise to respond to all replies. Box 212, 2440 16th St., SF 94103 or call ★★6410.

Rescue Me!
Shy, slender, 6', 24 y.o., sensually appealing (I'm told) miscegenetic, foreign student trapped at UC Davis. Wants genuine, wholesome, HIV- man, 24-35, for meaningful, loving relationship. We're both free-thinking, fun-loving, easy-going, socially conscious. We live simply accepting imperfection in others. We admire manliness, straightforwardness, sad eyes, firm bodies. We dislike pretentiousness, self-centeredness, role-playing, George Bush. Respond only if willing, able to commit yourself. PO Box 1901, Davis 95617 (decent photo if possible).

Eeeee-Haw!
I'm a bonafide dancin' fool. Good follow, want to develop leading skills. Need a steady partner for CW lessons. Trade off lead & follow OK. I'm 5'6", 155, brn/brn, 43, smkr, HIV-, and fun-lovin'. Looking for a good-timing, two-steppin' cowboy, any height, E. Bay a+, under 50. Wanna scoot a boot (or more?), push your tush to the phone. Reply BT Box FB102B or call ★★6411.

A Big Man Is What I Am
How about 6'5", 285 pounds, HIV-, monogamous, hairy, 48-year-old GWM with trimmed beard and silver hair. If you are attracted to a lot of man and a lot of love, read on. I am looking for an affectionate man of any race, 25 to 60, who is HIV-, nonsmoker and monogamous. I am home loving, quiet spoken, comfortable to be with and yet also have an adventurous, sharing nature. I have lots of interests. It's easy to find things to do together and I have respect for my partner's independent interests as well. I will answer every person who takes the time to write, so if you are ready to meet a one-to-one man like me, Reply BT Box FB103B or call ★★6412.

Blond Seeks Dark
Attractive, athletic European who has been around the block a few times, HIV-, 37, 6'2", 170, seeks Asian/Latino of substance. No bar babes. Reply BT Box FB104B or call ★★6413.

Can't Keep My Eyes Off You
February 15, between 6 to 6:30 pm at Village Deli Cafe, Castro Street. You, very elegant blond with great face and smile seated at lower level center table with a friend and Asian-looking girlfriend facing you. Me: slim, young Asian male wearing blue-green mock shirt and faded Levi's 501s, alone at side table to your left. I was sipping cafe latte and reading newspaper. Our eyes met several times. Sound familiar? Call ★★6414.

Moderate/Body & Soul
GWM, 29, 5'9", 150#, hairy, cleanshaven, called good-looking, attracted to smooth, dark good looks (Asian, Latin, Italian, or ?), 18-35, seeking more serious Partner (and friends, all races) with similar interests/outlook: easygoing but stable lifestyle, music (pop, jazz, rock, Mahalia, etc.), sense of humor, Chaplin, the Far Side, theology, philosophy, sci-fi, Twilight Zone, videos/fantasy (Falcon to Disney), ethnic food, no heavy alcohol or drugs... Letter & photo to: J.B., 41 Sutter St. #1565, SF 94104.

Are You Covered
With thick blondish fur, husky, HIV-, blue eyes a plus, kind, intelligent, fun-loving, versatile or bottom? Interested in meeting a creative, sensual, professional WM with boyish/masculine good looks, 30s, medium height and build, brn/brn, hairy, HIV-, with a good sense of humor for a relatively discreet, caring, casual or committed sexual friendship? Then please call ★★6415.

Kink/Fetish/Fantasy
Gentlemanly type, very good-looking, is looking for same, one who is a kindred soul and in all brotherly affection wishes to explore erotic esoterica, but with a strict division of labor: you top; me bottom. I'm handsome, very oral, fantasize about giving head any way possible, licking hairy legs, verbal games. Safe sex and HIV-only. I am also big—6', 190 lbs.—well-built, blond, smooth and probably a little intimidating—unless you are answering this ad. Call ★★6416.

Asian Bondage
Good-looking, boy size Asian (30), lean and smooth, into sensual bondage including ropes, tickling, spanking, helpless struggling scenes, etc., would like to meet similar person (especially Asian) for fantasies. Must be trim and cleanshaven. Safe and sane adventures = pleasure. Need letter and phone number. Call ★★6417.

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Curious straight/bi WM, 18-22? Young dude? Maybe in school/military? Maybe play sports: wrestle, football, weights, bodybldr? Or musc.? Like massages? Between girlfriends? Check out "safe-play" w/bi WM. 100 percent private. Massages + XXX-videos or ? avail. Clean & safe. Call ★★6419.

Kinky Party Dudes
Mid-'30s, muscular guys seek others into partying, fantasies, bondage, dominance/submission, role-plays, etc. Kinky games, unusual scenes, 3-ways. Let's be imaginative, get nasty, get wild. Open to all kinds of scenes. Reply BT Box FB106B or call ★★6420.

Bodybuilding Couple Seeks Trainees
For regular domestic work. You must be manly, 18 to 25, blond or blondable, muscular or willing to train, attractive, HIV-, and eager to please a very happily married couple: both about six foot, 180; muscular, negative, 32 and 52. Great father, brother figures. Possible employment in our business, after you've proved yourself. No drugs, hustlers. Descriptive letter and photo to: Boxholder, Box 421752, SF 94142-1752 or call ★★6421.

Low Mileage, All the Extras
GWM, 37, attractive, 5'9", 155, drk bl/hazel, very muscular, HIV-, cleanshaven, sane, non-clone seeks GM, my age or older, who is mature, secure, probably much larger and darker, not afraid of intimacy, enjoys laughing and just talking, holding and being quiet, doing just about anything together because he likes the closeness and sharing, taking care of himself physically and, oh yes, orgasms. Should also be able to dial a telephone and Call ★★6422.

Your Nipples
I'd like to lick, caress and suck on them for hours while I fondle your dick. Gentle to intense, but no piercings, torture or pain—just plain old-fashioned animal sensuality (never been properly weaned and now glad about that). Me: in-shape mid-aged GWM, 5'8", slim build, bald, dark beard, passionate, congenial personality, fun to be with. You: affectionate, attractive, upbeat, good health, sense of humor. If this combination appeals to you then, maybe: tit for tat? Reply Boxholder, PO Box 460305, SF 94146.

Gold
This WM is short, solid, sensual, hairy and xtra-cute—a nice package. In the market for sensual pleasures, nothing more. I'm 36, HIV-, NS, xtra-cute, wide brite smile, sparkling eyes. Like me, you should have a well-developed chest that likes lots of attention, love kissing, good personality, an equal. (3-ways also a possibility with a buddy of mine.) No pro ad answerers, random phone dialers! Reply BT Box FB107B or call ★★6423.

Well, Here Goes—
Handsome Italian/American, age 41, lover of opera and classical music with other interests in floral design, cooking, photography. I exercise regularly and have worked long and hard on my psychological/emotional self. Looking for long-term relationship with someone with similar interests. Require that you are caring, sensitive, passionate, understanding, patient, and with a sense of humor. I have lots of fine qualities to share. You should also know that I am HIV+. I hope that does not dissuade you from getting to know a truly nice man. Please write or call, send photo if you would like. Reply BT Box FB108B or call ★★6424.

Hi!
I'm 6'3", bl/bl (hair black right now), 195#. Friendly, handsome, professional. Not into casual sex. Relationship oriented. You: 18-35, kind, personable... you fill in the rest. Reply BT Box FB109B or call ★★6425.

Attractive Young Bottom, 25, Seeks Strong Top
I'm a cute bottom, GWM, 25 years old, 5'10", 150 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes. (Guys also tell me I have nice legs and a nice butt, but you can be the judge.) I'm looking for a guy, somewhere between 25 and 35, who is primarily a top. I am especially partial to strong "butch" type white or Latin men. As a bottom, I aim to please my lover and am looking for some fun and excitement for now, but hopefully something longer-lasting when the right guy comes along. Maybe it's you... Reply BT Box FB110B or call ★★6426.

Ready, Set, Go
GWM, 30, tall, attractive, outdoorsy, bright, terrific cook; uses words like "neat" and "cool"; wears jeans and stuff... Likes any kind of design (things and how people use them fascinate me), cities, mountain biking, unusual movies, textiles, spaces and old foreign cars. Shy but loyal and honest. Likes to communicate. Want to meet someone honest and attractive, 30-40 or so, easygoing for friendship, etc. Reply BT Box FB111B or call ★★6427.

Younger Man Wanted
Late thirties, gym-toned, dark-haired, moustached GWM seeks smooth GWM, 24-32. Monogamy, loyalty, motivation, commitment, sense of humor required. Like films, politics, small dinner parties and whatever turns you on. Sexually, you are French active/passive (tell me how you like it) and predominantly Greek passive. Verbal, responsive, inventive also A+. Games, role-playing, cuddling, loving. I only want one man in my life. Reply BT Box FB112B or call ★★6428.

56, Mature Seeks Mature Any Race
At 56 (6'4", 245, gray/hazel) I am seeking contact with mature stable male (any race, Asian A+) who enjoys company of husky mature type, educated and responsive to a variety of interests (only one of which is physical contact). I would like to spend some free time with interesting/interested person. Call ★★6429.

Asian in Search
Gay Asian male who is 21 yrs. old, 5'7" and 160 lbs. wishes to meet Asians or Caucasians for sweetness, romance and more than just friends type of relationship. I enjoy the performing arts, music, night scenes, clubbing as well as pulsating indoor activities. I'm not after perfection, so if my qualities click with yours, take a shot at it. Reply BT Box FB113B or call ★★6430.

For Sure!
Flat tight stomach, calmness, judgment, sunshine, HIV-. Same sought by GWM, 47, aerobic, confident, vegetarian, feel 27. Objective: hormones, truth and laughter. Reply BT Box FB114B or call ★★6431.

Mature Seeks Youthful Companion
Caring WM, 60 y.o., mental health worker and author, would like to meet a boyish-looking male (18+) for a committed, monogamous relation. Must be HIV-, employed or a full-time student. Except for "boyishness" I am very flexible about looks and build; all races welcome. Intelligence, positive thinking, togetherness and sensuality are a big plus. As for me: I am short, trim, hairy, muscular, HIV-. I like cycling, hiking, traveling, languages, cuddling. I am a nonsmoker, not into bars or drugs. Photo (returnable) appreciated: phone number a must. SF residents only. Write Boxholder, PO Box 31341, SF 94131 or call ★★6432.

More Than a Sextoy
Handsome, bearded GWM, 33, needs a special boy to call my own. You should have a broad range of sexual tastes (read "pig") and be eager to please. I like having your nuts in my hand, my dick in your ass, your fingers on my tits. Bondage, chastity training to start. Watersports, shaving, fisting, more? Nonsmoker, no drugs, HIV+ preferred. Reply BT Box FB115B or call ★★6433.

I Could Be Marky Mark's Twin Brother
Fraternal twin, that is, since we look nothing alike. But I am a cute, down-to-earth, professional, 28-year-old GWM of German-English descent (6', 155 lbs., brown hair and eyes). I'd like to meet and date normal, intelligent guys who are open to the prospect of a committed, monogamous relationship. I'm into running, hiking, camping, 19th-Century English authors, Florentine frescoes, intelligent conversation, travel and the endless process of learning new things. You don't smoke and are 25-40. Please reply with photo (optional) to BT Box FB116B.

Lonely Goater...?
Is it a top secret? Or is it...? Oh! No! Que Majaderia... ven... sara... ven... my hard bleeds for you... para ti lo guarde... kidnap me... ring my churumbeles and let's get even. I'll always have a loom for your secret, deep in my heart... lonely for you. Reply BT Box FB117B or call ★★6434.

Feet
Muscular GWM, mid-30s, looking for others into barefoot play—sucking, licking, tickling. If you get off on this or are willing to experiment, let's talk. 3-ways, non-reciprocal action OK also. Reply BT Box FB118B or call ★★6435.

Boyish Asian Seeks GWM Leather Daddy/Master
Chinese, 40 y.o., 5'5", 120#, young, cute look, gym-toned body, artistic & intellectual. Desires to have close encounters of the best kind w/tall, hairy, dominant, aggressive Caucasian leather tops into bondage or S/M fantasies. Reply w/photo & phone to PO Box 423832 or call ★★6436.

Submissive Wanted
You get your pleasure giving pleasure to your 6'1", 190#, nicely-built, 43-year-old man. You are foremost skilled and dedicated in providing oral satisfaction. You've got a pussy for a butt. If interested, we'll talk about it a little. Call ★★6437.

Very Attractive
Masculine WM, 37, 5'10", 150, fit, cleanshaven, educated, professional, liberal, easygoing, occasionally wild, enjoys rock music, movies, working out, seeks very masculine, intelligent and attractive WM, 30-40, fun-loving, adventurous, sexually dominant and uninhibited, possibly hairy with dark features. Very safe sex only. Call ★★6438.

Sensuous Latino Seeks Hung Foreskin
If you relate to my love of ethnic cultures, exotic travel, films, smoke/toke, anything Mexican/Latin, lite drinking, nature, art, history, most things avante garde, 3rd World (1st World really) myths and stories, camping, swimming, biking and long drives: I'm not mainstream. I am masculine, creative, romantic, left wing, passionate, fun, love to hug and kiss, suck, get fucked vice versa. I'm 33, 135, 5'7", cute/handsome, with smooth almost hairless body, brown eyes, moustache, long cut jalapeno pepper, bubble butt, fierce tongue that blows, licks, kisses, tastes and expresses myself. Seeking that special man to enjoy life with: I'm turned on by other Latinos (habla Espanol) and foreigners with enormous, thick, uncut cocks. Inexperienced OK. Write with photo if you can. PO Box 31919, SF 94131-9991 or call ★★6439.

Seeking Someone Special
Healthy GBM, 25, 5'9", 140 lbs., curly blk hair, brn eyes, considered attractive and intelligent, who enjoys life. Seeking GWM to spend quality time with. Someone who also enjoys life, movies, music, good food, art, dancing, long walks, good conversation and romantic evenings together in each other's arms. You should be a handsome, masculine man, 25-45 years old, who is healthy, fit, mature, stable and not afraid to express himself or his feelings. You should have a good sense of humor, warm heart and ready for someone special in your life. Please, no drugs, heavy drinkers, heavy smokers. Are you that someone special? Reply BT Box FB119B or call ★★6440.

Looking for a Needle in a Gaystack
If you're a bottom trapped in the body of a top, I want your buns! Your butch trappings are: 5'6" to 5'9", nice body, dark eyes/hair, maybe moustache/goatee, cut dick. You've adjusted being HIV+ (as I have), maintain health, late 20s to early 40s, anti-tobacco, light or non-drinker, fond of THC. Your receptive passion is alive in bed and kicking out on the dance-floor. I'm 5'7", 140 lbs., blue/brown, handsome, healthy, willing 7" cut dick, 42 y.o. look 31, upbeat and considerate. Let's develop intimate friendship by doing the wild thing! Ready? Press your touch-tone and let's get started. Call ★★6441.

You From Marin!
You with the long dark hair! You called me two weeks ago to meet at The Depot in Mill Valley, but didn't leave me your phone number! It was raining and I had to work late anyway, but would like to meet and chat. Leave your number on the voicemail or write me at the paper and I'll figure out a time we can get together. Thanks! Reply BT Box FB120B or call ★★6442.

Irish and Gay
Sure there must be a few friendly boys from the olde sod who'd like to befriend a green-eyed, Irish-American guy. Me? I'm 35, medium height and build, cleanshaven, shoulder length red-blond hair, nice smile, etc. Descended from County Cork royalty! Also mild-mannered and passionate, independent and sensitive, peaceable and opinionated, stereotypically sentimental Irish. If you'd like to meet for a Guiness and discuss politics, religion and men, then call or write me and see what the luck of the Irish will do for you! Reply BT Box FB121B or call ★★6443.

Smooth Seeks Hairy
Furry friend sought by smooth, sentimental guy. I'm 30, 5'9", 170 solid pounds with brown hair, deep green eyes, stylish facial fuzz and HIV-. You're older, bearded and hopefully hung. Together we'll enjoy kissing, cuddling, sucking, camaraderie and possibly explore other possibilities. Like me, you're warm, intelligent, articulate, playful, urbane and lovable. Find out more about me by writing to 2215-R Market #452, SF 94114 or call ★★6444.

Quality for Quality
WM, 41, career professional, 5'8", 162 lbs., blond/brown, moustache, considered attractive. Qualities include: stable, secure, communicative, genuine, fun-loving, easy-going, independent, adventurous. Interests include: good friends, theater, dining out, good conversation, traveling, movies, new adventures, enjoying life. Seeking a quality man to date, and explore possibilities with. I tend to be attracted to Asian, Latin, African-American or dark-haired (topish!) men, who are

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my age or younger, who seek a quality man to date. An ad can never convey it all so let's communicate, meet and hopefully date. Reply BT Box FB122B or call ★★6445.

Asian Student Seeks Friendship Only
Gay Asian male, 5'4", 128 lbs., 27 y.o., seeks man, 18-35, for friendship. I am looking for someone who is honest, sincere, goal-oriented, well-rounded, nonsmoker, non- or light-drinker, drug-free. I enjoy going out, watching movies, cooking, or just having a clean, fun conversation. If interested please write to: T.Q., PO Box 720332, San Jose 95172 or call ★★6447. (Serious only please. Thanks.)

White Male Under 30
Sought by 18 y.o., 5'10", 155, Mexican guy. I love foreign languages, going to the movies and all kinds of music. We both are: HIV-, inexperienced, straight acting, not into any drugs and willing to have a monogamous relationship. Please no beards/moustaches, balding, body piercing. Blonds, blue eyes and photo (will be returned) A+. Reply BT Box FB123B or call ★★6448.

East Bay Blonds, Redheads
All-American type, HIV-, with musc., hairy pecs, for dating and kissing contest. Me: 37, blue eyes, blond hair, 5'8", 140, smooth, solid body, 29 waist, bottomish. Let's have a romantic experience together. Reply BT Box FB124B or call ★★6449.

Looking for Intellectual Stimulation
GWM, 23, 155 lbs., 5'8", short brown hair, cleanshaven. I've been out for 2 years, but am new to serious dating. Sex is fun, but real fun is a "best friend." Interests include: politics, foreign languages, travel, walking, dancing & sleeping in. Looking for cleanshaven guys, 18-33. Prefer white or Asian, am open to all. Write to PO Box 4270, Berkeley 94704 or call ★★6450.

Big Belly
Big cock and balls on solid, not fat, WM, 5'11", 190, 44, HIV-. Seeks slender WM, HIV-, who enjoys above type men. Relationship poss., but not required. Reply BT Box FB125B or call ★★6451.

Mid-Week Holiday
GWM, 40, 5'11", brwn/bl, 160#, good-looking, intelligent, articulate, slender muscular build, and I can cook, too! Have a great career, but I often have to work weekends, hence my off days happen in the middle of the week. I'm looking for a top guy who might share the same predicament and is also looking for a guy to date and share time with. Letter and photo appreciated. Reply BT Box FB126B or call ★★6452.

Positive HIV +
GWM, 29, 5'9", 130 lbs., drk hr, eyes, cleanshaven, very handsome, seeks G or Bi men. HIV+ or PWAs for fun, friendship and sex. You have good sense of humor, are happy, fun, unconventional... so am I. Men under 30 encouraged to respond. Photo appreciated—dick size unimportant. Heart size is. You won't be sorry. Reply BT Box FB127B or call ★★6453.

East Bay Midnite Cock Worship
Masculine, aggressive, hairy guy seeks other masculine, aggressive guys for cock obsession, mutual loud and nasty dirty talk, and jerk off only while getting fucked up drinking, smoking, other substance abuse (share costs 50/50). Age, looks unimportant. Trolls welcome too! Reply BT Box FB128B or call ★★6454.

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Next Deadline for All Ads: Mar. 6 for Mar. 12

How To Respond to a "Call Star" Personal Ad

CALL 1-900-844-2-GAY. Using a Touch-Tone phone, you can reply to any ad that has "Call ★★" with a Call Star Extension number. This is your chance to hear the advertiser's voice! Call their extension and leave a personalized message, or see if this sounds like an advertiser you'd like to write to. It's almost as easy as leaving a message on a friend's answering machine. And the advertiser gets your message immediately.

FOLLOW THE EASY INSTRUCTIONS when you call. You can either enter the Call Star Extension of a specific ad that interests you, or you can browse through a variety of greetings and respond to any or all of them. Select the ads you wish to leave messages for and record your responses. Be sure to include your telephone number and the best times to call. Calls cost 96 cents per minute and will appear on your monthly telephone bill.

How To Get a "Call Star" Voice Mail Box

IT'S SIMPLE AND FREE!! You'll automatically get a free voice mail box with your personal ad unless you check the box below. You'll receive a letter from us with your Call Star extension and your secret password, as well as detailed instructions on how to use the system. Remember: recording your greeting and retrieving your messages are **FREE.**

How To Reply by Mail to a SF Bay Times Personal Ad

SEND IN YOUR LETTERS: If the advertiser has a BT Reply Box, send your reply to Bay Times Personals, 288 7th Street, SF 94103. In the lower left hand corner of the envelope place the box number (not the Call Star Extension!) you are answering. Mail boxes remain open for two months; i.e. this issue's ads may be answered through Apr. 27. Voice mail boxes remain open for four weeks.

How To Pick Up Your Written Replies

BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP: You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR 2 MONTHS
VOICE MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR FOUR WEEKS
MAIL WILL BE FORWARDED WEEKLY

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SUGGESTED AD CATEGORY (Check One): ☐ **Women** ☐ **Men** ☐ **Bisexual** ☐ **Social Groups** ☐ **Shared Interests**

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☐ Enclose $10 up to 70 words $10.00
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WORD COUNTS/PRICE INFO: 'A,' 'and,' 'the,' zip codes, PO Boxes, etc. should all be included in your word counts. There are no refunds for ads. If there is an error in your ad which substantially affects the value of the ad, we will issue you a credit to rerun the ad. If you have submitted an ad which does not fall within our editorial guidelines and we are unable to notify you, we will issue a credit to run a different ad.

ADVERTISING GUIDELINES In placing an ad, you must not use names, telephone numbers or street addresses. The San Francisco Bay Times hopes that you will submit ad copy in keeping with our general editorial policies. Ads should stress those qualities the advertiser finds compatible rather than target specific lifestyles, races or other aspects in a negative manner. We understand the difference between discrimination and personal preference. If your ad does not fall within the realm of our guidelines, we may notify you and allow you to make the necessary alterations. We reserve the right to edit ads. We reserve the right to reject any ad whatsoever.

Remember: speech isn't as free on the telephone as it is in the newspaper. Government regulations forbid the "F-word" recorded on phone lines and other such direct communication. Have fun but be sensible.

Actor With a Voice From the Heart?
Cute GWM, 35, 5'3", 128, br/br, advertising executive seeks "bud" around my age. I write songs & jingles, produce videos & radio plays—sometimes for profit, sometimes for fun. So, if you're an actor (pro or otherwise) who can sing, it's a plus. If you're cute too, please send photo with short letter or audio cassette to PO Box 5382, Richmond 94805.

Napa Valley
I get off on the comfort and security that two men make for each other, kissing long, sleeping close, working hard, respect of people, respect of love, meaning what you say and saying it when you feel it. GWM, 30, lookin' for it. Sexually secure, HIV- only. Respond Boxholder, PO Box 515, Napa 94559 or call ★★6455.

Outdoor Adventurer
GWM, 31, 6'2", 170, brown/green, HIV-, nonsmoker, looking to meet a masculine guy, under 40, also HIV-, nonsmoker, who enjoys the outdoors. I like mountain/road biking, hiking, backpacking and want to learn cross-country skiing. I'm intelligent, easygoing, in good shape, professionally employed and want to find a guy interested in dating, who shares similar interests and desires, to be in a monogamous relationship. Call ★★6456.

Are You Romantic But Realistic?
Do you like Rachmaninoff or being comfortable with someone special? If you're like me, you want more from life than South of Market or one more compliment about your nice chest. You want a worked out, nice looking, sensitive man like me to grow with. You want & deserve real love, not a romp in the hay. I like the bottom place in bed, the top place in your heart. Reply BT Box FB129B or call ★★6457.

Beard and Glasses?
I am not sure why I find men with the above attractive. Maybe the combination of symbols of the animal (beard) and the intellectual (glasses) is what I am tuned in to. I myself am bearded and wear glasses, am 5'7", 170 lbs., have dark brown hair and blue eyes. Like music (especially classical), theater, outdoors, reading, people and sex. Open to all kinds of relationships/friendships. Reply BT Box FB130B or call ★★6458.

I've Come Only Twice
While Greek passive and want to try again. "Court" me with a back rub or ? to make me feel my satisfaction is important to you. I'm 6'1", 175#, uncut, 55, lt. brn/hazel, HIV-. Special attraction to men my height or taller. No dominance, submission, drugs, alcohol, smoke. Love classical music, intimacy, touching, freedom to be oneself. Box 39, 1800 Market St., SF 94102 or call ★★6459.

Friends Then Lovers
Lonely, good-looking GWM, 28, 6'2", 215, brown hair, hazel eyes, moustache, seeks someone, 18-32, who enjoys volleyball, camping, hiking, working out, bicycling, boating and romantic evenings by a roaring fire; must be honest, nonsmoker, HIV- and have a wild and kinky side that they always knew they had but were afraid to try. Write J.B., PO Box 53732, San Jose 95153 or call ★★6460.

Seeking Mature Males, Experienced Not Novice
by an Asian male who seeks to please his partners. Will answer only those males living in the San Joaquin Valley. Bay Area males need not reply. So sorry I erased the retired professor's call in my original ad. You live in the Haight area and love to watercolor. Do call again. Thanks. Call ★★6461.

East Meets West
Asian fellow with a healthy balance sheet seeks Caucasian gent with a strong income statement for a dynamic merger. If your idea of fun is following the market and cruising on Montgomery, get your proxy card ready. Please be incorporated for 25-40 yrs., and have your highrise bldg (your body) be of slim to medium proportions. My numbers: 63" tall, slender, boyishly cute, and operating for 28 yrs. I'm looking for a Time Warner not a Burroughs-Sperry. Think we can make a good boardroom/bedroom match? Then mark your proxy. Reply BT Box FB131B or call ★★6462.

Butt Smellers Unite
Group forming for in-shape HIV- men under 35. Line up on all fours and take turns smelling butts. Licking OK. Willing to accept guys who only want to donate butt smells. Sane, safe, hot. Reply BT Box FB132B or call ★★6463.

Strong Latino
seeks men friends. All welcome, but especially Latino or Black men. For massage, hugging, versatile play. I am 24 yrs., 6', 180 lbs., healthy and strong, nurturing and kind. I like nature, gardening, reading, swimming. Photo appreciated (returned). Reply: Boxholder, PO Box 7, Berkeley 94701.

Hot and Hungry
Hungry tits and twitching bottom ready for a kinky, trim topman. Dark blond, trim beard, mid-40s, HIV-, toned 150#, 6'. Just do it. Reply BT Box FB133B or call ★★6464.

Great Looks and Sensitivity
I am GWM, 32, 5'10", 160#, HIV-, very handsome (brn/brn) professional, well-built and proportioned, (40"c, 31"w), athletic, humorous, honest, relaxed, intelligent, spiritual, spontaneous, creative, caring and romantic. My work and relationships have been fulfilling. Not into bars or clubs; love film, theater, travel, music, massage and intimacy. Seeking similar WM, 25-36, who wants to share fun times and romance. Full description please. Reply BT Box FB134B or call ★★6465.

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Dear Readers:

In the month of January, the San Francisco Bay Times 900-number personals voice mail system had a customer satisfaction rating of 99.59 percent.

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We know that many people are skeptical about using 900 numbers. That's why our voice mail system is as efficient and cost-effective as we can make it. We're constantly on the lookout for ways to improve the system, and we welcome your suggestions on how it might work better for you.

If you're not sure how to use the system, or if you have ideas about how we can make it better, please let us know! Call us at (415) 626-8121, Monday through Friday, 10AM until 6PM, and ask for Greta.

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Sun And Moon

sexual woman seeks Sun to her Moon. I'm iscean, nesting-type who likes dancing, din- the ocean. I realize answering this can ex- you to all sorts of social criticism ("Did you r what so-and-so is going out with?" "She's a real woman.") Hey, I know that. I also know e hit it off it won't matter what people say, and stand by you. (If you like what you've just read t only want to hang out, that's fine.) To find out ore call ★★4535.

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Two-Step Partner

Ladakh, Zanskar (Tibetan kingdoms now in India) in July-Aug. Cross passes to 16000 feet. Visit monasteries. Possibly also tour in Malaysia, hike in Nepal. Open to other places, times. Go to most expensive hotels, only $5/day at most to win of 3rd world! Write "World Bicyclist," 131 Berkeley Square #291, Berkeley 94704

Fiber Fanatics

respond to your October ad quick rounded fun to me. Would to knit, spin,

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No, My Dick Is Not Shaped Like A Hamburger

or a flying saucer, or an atomic bomb, if tha what you're into. Don't come to me if you're hu up on bedding down Tom Cruise. I am, howev in control of my head and know who I am a what I'm seeking. I'm 40, 5'10", slim with brov hair and graying beard, HIV –, and I've been t I'm good-looking. And dammit, I am. But fla people do not get me hard and I need a m who has a real personality, is not into the "scen and is not afraid of committing to someone w

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I Believe You're Out There Somewhere

At least I want to believe it, still, though I've been looking for a very long time. I hope you show up before I give up hoping for love in this lifetime. I'm a firesign, 12/2/41, professional, mainstream, middle class; I like contemporary novels and movies, to laugh, dance, walk on Ocean Beach and in G.G. Park; I draw a little, write a little, rare etoh; smoke/toke; I'm kinda shy, quirky about food (not vegetarian), sincere, perceptive, have complicated schedule. In my dreams you're live in SF—so we can en- average body,

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LIVING WITH HIV is costly. You may need money for experimental treatment, long-term care, or even a once-in-a-lifetime dream vacation. Your life insurance policy may be the asset you can use to meet these financial challenges.

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